



# ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Magi from the east arrived

### The Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil for Sundays)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm

or upon request during office hours except on Sundays.

### Morning Prayer

Tuesday through Friday: 7:35 am

### Rosary

Tuesday through Friday: 7:15 am

(Church opens at 7:10 am)

### Office Hours

Tue. thru Fri.: 8:30 am—12:00 pm & 1:30 pm—5:00 pm

Sat.: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Closed Sun. & Mon.

## The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2012

*“All kings shall pay homage, all nations  
shall serve him.” — Psalm 72:11*

## MASS INTENTIONS, CALENDAR, READINGS

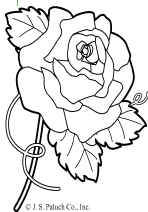
### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7  
4:00 pm Ramona Lorenzo† by Ben Acayan  
Sunday, January 8  
8:00 am Alice Argos† by Edna Bernardo  
10:00 am Miguel Ordaz by The Family  
“Happy Birthday”  
12:00 pm Rosetta Incognito by The Kapsack Family  
5:00 pm The Parishioners of John Neumann  
Tuesday, January 10  
8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory by Cecile Locher  
Wednesday, January 11  
8:00 am Hijinio Cerna† by Tiodoro Serna  
Thursday, January 12  
8:00 am Archie Acayan† by Ben Acayan  
Friday, January 13  
8:00 am Ellsworth and Mary A. Hammett†  
by James Hammett  
Saturday, January 14  
4:00 pm The Parishioners of John Neumann  
Sunday, January 15  
8:00 am Josefa Latoza† by Edna Bernardo  
10:00 am Michael Dante by Gene and Adrienne Autry  
12:00 pm Mr. Michael Ove†  
by Fr. Bede, Staff & Parishioners of SJNC  
5:00 pm J. Neal by The Thomas Family

**This week's altar flowers have been kindly  
donated by Carmine DiFazio**

In Honor of the Epiphany

“Christ has been born for us; Come  
Let Us Adore Him.””



### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;  
Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Other daily scripture resources on the web:**

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Parish Calendar

Baptismal Preparation	Call the Parish Office for an appointment
Marthas & Marys	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Young Adult Choir	Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Children's Choir	Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Men's Club	1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Senior Luncheons	2nd Wednesday, bi-monthly 12:00 noon
Finance Committee	January 25, 5:30 pm
Bible Study	Thursdays, 8:45 am
Staff Meetings	Thursdays, 10:00 am
RCIA	Thursdays, 6:45 pm
Reader's Workshop	Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Parish Council	Last Thursday, 7:00 pm
Jr. High Youth Group	2nd & 4th Weds, 6:00-7:30 pm
High School Youth Group	1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm

Through the waters of baptism  
and in the name of the Father, and the  
Son and the Holy Spirit,

Sean Lujan

and

Sven James Vistal

were welcomed into our faith  
community today.

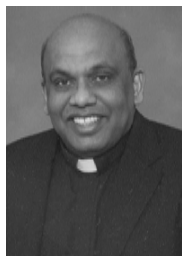


**In observance of Martin Luther**

**King Day, the parish office  
will be closed on Saturday,**

**January 14th.**

## Pastor's Note



Today we are celebrating the feast of the Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" means *appearance, manifestation or showing forth* and in this case refers to God's self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son. This feast was first celebrated in the 2nd century and its observance is older than the feast of Christmas. It commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church, it is also the commemoration of the baptism of Christ.

The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds and the star revealed Him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. God, the Father, later revealed Jesus' identity at His baptism in the Jordan. Then in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah. These revelations are all suggested by the feast of the Epiphany. The Magi offered gold in recognition of Jesus as king of the Jews; frankincense in acknowledgment that he was God, and myrrh as a symbol of his human nature.

Today's gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wondrous things.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. A.) First, let us offer Him our friendship, especially since He *restored* this possibility through His incarnation, death and resurrection. B.) We can extend our friendship to one another as a second gift to the Lord. Although this can be more difficult to do, the blessings we receive may far outweigh the risk of opening ourselves to others. C.) The third gift is one of reconciliation. It will require honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience to be able to repair damaged relationships. These are the gifts God seeks from us. Then, as we seek God in prayer, sacramental life and daily meditation on His Word, we will receive a gift as well—the gift of God's peace.

The last stanza of Christina Rossetti's *A Christmas Carol*, sums up the nature of "giving to the Christ Child.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb.  
 If I were a wise man, I could do my part.  
 What can I give Him? (I can) Give Him my heart!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Bede Wevita*

Fr. Bede  
 Pastor

<u>January</u>			
1st Collection		\$	21,445.50
2nd Collection		\$	5,676.00
Total for these collections		\$	27,121.50
Church Attendance -incomplete (our church holds 663).			
	Attendance	1st	Building Fund
4:00 pm	514	\$ 5,147.50	\$ 2,039.00
8:00 am	349	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 812.00
10:00 am	563	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 838.00
12:00 pm	?	\$ 3,719.00	\$ 698.00
5:00 pm	615	\$ 2,604.00	\$ 783.00
Mail in		\$ 412.00	\$ 206.00
Electronic		\$ 4,065.00	\$ 5,676.00
<b>Thank YOU</b>			

<u>December 24/25</u>	
Christmas Eve Collection	\$ 26,609.00
Poor	\$ 5,341.00
Christmas Day	\$ 10,515.50
Poor	\$ 2,458.00
<b>Thank YOU</b>	

## Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for the Parish Missions. In the past, our parish missions have always brought us together as a community to pray and to learn.

Please be generous with your donation in next week's collection to cover expenses for future upcoming missions

**be a hero!**



**SJNC presents:  
Winter Blood Drive  
Sunday, February 5th  
9:00am– 1:30pm  
SJNC Parish Center**

To make an appointment  
to donate blood, visit  
[www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org) and enter  
sponsor code: SJNC  
or contact Rosie Arellano @657-0200 x 201

*All donors at this drive will receive a voucher for 2 (two) free  
admissions to Popovich Comedy Pet Theater at the V Theater  
in the Miracle Mile Shops at  
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino!*



### **Give Our Community a Gift, Recycle Your Christmas Tree!**

**December 26, 2011 – January 15, 2012**

Christmas trees are one of the recognized traditions of the holiday season. But what happens after the holiday season? Most people simply throw their Christmas trees away, yet trees are a valuable organic material that can be recycled and chipped into mulch. This mulch is used in public gardens and parks across the valley to help conserve soil moisture and keep plants healthy. Recycling your tree is a gift that will keep on giving back to the community.

The Conservation District of Southern Nevada along with more than 20 local organizations hosts the Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Drop-off your cut Christmas tree for free at over 20 convenient locations around the valley from December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>. Remove all non-organic objects such as lights, wire, tinsel, ornaments and nails. Foreign objects contaminate the mulch and damage the chipper. Flocked trees cannot be recycled.

Last year, Southern Nevada residents recycled over 15,000 trees, which created 130 tons of mulch for landscaping projects at local parks! Since 2001, residents have recycled approximately 100,000 Christmas trees or the equivalent of over 12,600 cubic yards of solid waste which was diverted from the landfill to a beneficial use.

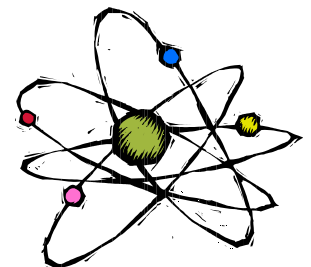
Free Christmas tree mulch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at Pecos Legacy Park on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm. You must bring a container to transport the mulch in.

## **STAY IN THE KNOW WITH OUR SJNC E-NEWS!**

Delivered weekly to your email inbox, get the latest on what's happening in your SJNC parish community.

Includes the weekly bulletin in electronic format.

Stop by the parish office and give us your email address to receive our weekly news email.



### 6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat



**SAVE these dates MAY 4-6, 2012** for the 6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat and bus trip to the Sacred Heart Retreat House with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Alhambra, California. "Our goal is to promote a deeper spiritual life for the women in all of the Las Vegas Parishes and outlying areas." This retreat would be a great idea for that special woman in your life as a Christmas present, or Valentine's Day gift or even an early Mother's Day present. Visit the web-site at <http://www.carmelitesistersocd.com/>

### Lupus of Nevada Inc. Thanks-You!

The Lupus of Nevada is profoundly grateful to the community for their support and financial contributions from their donors. Lupus of Nevada, Inc., is a nonprofit charitable organization 501 (c)3.

Their mission is to increase educational awareness and advocacy throughout the State of Nevada. Lupus of Nevada is committed to educating and building support through awareness, education, nutrition, coping strategies, conferences and community outreach. Please continue your financial support to their cause, they actually reach out into the trenches and service those in need. You can send your donations to

Lupus of Nevada, Inc., 3061 South Maryland Pkwy Suite 102-C Las Vegas, NV 89109.

### Diaper Drive

The Catholic Charities Social Program is in need of diapers in all sizes from newborn to toddlers for families in need in our southern

Nevada community. *Please help these less fortunate babies and toddlers.* The diapers may be dropped off in the donation bins in the Lobby, and, *Thank-you for all that you do!*



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today's gospel the magi came to present their gifts to Jesus and to honor him. Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are February 10-12 and May 4-6, 2012 in Boulder City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, call Wayne and Marcia Kessler at 702-566-8753. For information on Spanish-language weekends, call Jose and Patti Santiago at 702-544-3755.

### Diocesan Pro-Life Mass-January 22:

Come stand in solidarity with America's pro-life faithful this important weekend:

The most reverend Joseph A. Pepe, Bishop of Las Vegas, will celebrate a special pro-life mass at the Guardian Angel Cathedral beginning at 2:30pm (302 Cathedral Way).

### Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi) can Help Give Your Marriage a New Beginning!!

If you are living in the disappointment & pain of a marriage in trouble, whether it be from lack of communication or something more serious and you have no hope. The Church has another avenue than Divorce, it is a program called Retrouvaille, which will help you rebuild your marriage. Please call Chuck and Carol Moore for more information at 702-615-4339.



### Please, Protect Your Valuables

Several parishes continue to report purses being taken during Communion, while parishioners process to receive the Eucharist. As a precaution please safeguard your purse at all times and do not leave any valuables in your car!

### Bulletin Advertisers

**Please patronize our bulletin advertisers. It's because of them we have this weekly publication. If you are interested in advertising in the bulletin, please call the parish office.**

**PROMISE FULFILLED**

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today’s feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ’s identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ’s coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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**Lectionary Based Scripture Study**

Join us for our next class on **Thursday, January 12th at 8:45am.** We will reflect on next Sunday’s Gospel (John 1:35-42).

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*“Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus.”*

**Attention All Confirmation Students!**

Here is an up-coming opportunity to earn your service hours. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Youth Room. *Please make sure to bring in your service hours sheet to be signed!*

Assist with Mass Books  
Every Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
Sundays after the 12:00 pm mass

**SJNC Youth Groups  
COMING IN JANUARY!**

**Jr. High Youth Group (JHYG)**  
for students in grades 6-8  
Meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
6:00pm-7:30pm in the Youth Room



**YOUTH**



**YOUTH**

**High Youth Group (HSYG)**  
for students in grades 9-12  
Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday  
6:00pm-7:30pm

**COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP & FUN!!!**

**FIRST MEETING FOR HSYG WILL BE  
JANUARY 4TH IN ROOMS 118 & 119**

**FIRST MEETING FOR JHYG WILL BE  
JANUARY 11th IN THE YOUTH ROOM**

### Visiting Mary

The St. John Neumann "Visiting Mary" can visit the home of a **registered parishioner** for one week. It can be a beautiful, peaceful time in your home. She may be picked up on Saturday afternoon and *must* be returned to the parish office by the following Saturday *morning*. The statue comes with prayers, songs, meditations and directions on how to pray the rosary, as well as some special intentions requested by our pastor.



We are currently looking for families to sign-up for Mary to visit their home during August, 2012  
Contact parish office to sign up.

#### VISITING MARY SCHEDULE

- 1/14 — Asuncion Almeraz
- 1/21 — Lori Gabriel
- 1/28 — Luisa Solomon

### Important & Mandatory Eucharistic Retreat, Feb 4, 9am-3pm

There is a mandatory Eucharistic Ministry Retreat on Saturday, February 4, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Eucharistic ministers, please mark your calendar for this very important program. More details will be coming soon.

### Eucharistic Minister Training

We have a great need for Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the 10am, 12noon and 5pm Masses.

Will you answer this need? We will present a Eucharistic Minister training on Saturday, **January 28th from 10:00am –12:00Noon** in the SJNC parish center worship space. You must be a Roman Catholic in good standing to serve in this ministry. Please call the parish office to register for this class-call Mary Santos at 657- 0200 x 211.



**Outreach (Pantry hours: Wed. 9am-3pm)**  
*Together, we can make the difference! Together, we can say Yes to God!*

The economic downturn has affected many families in the parish and there are many in our area that are without jobs, shelter, or food during these difficult times. The SJNC pantry is in need of our help. The next time you are at the grocery store please consider purchasing some extra food for our families in need. Please leave your donations in the big wooden box in the lobby. God bless you for supporting the Outreach pantry.

Wish lists for the Pantry  
Pasta Sauce, mac n cheese, canned tuna  
canned vegetables & fruit, soups, Ramen,  
canned proteins (i.e., chicken, spam) pasta,  
peanut butter, rice, dried beans.

**To our Outreach donors THANK-YOU  
for All That You Do and  
God Bless!**

On December 21st, the Outreach ministry served 133 families; 371 children, 258 adults, and 55 seniors.



## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN!

If you're new to St. John Neumann, check out what we collect in order to add to our building fund:

Crushed cans, Cell phones, "Pennies for Heaven" Used Name Brand Ink & Toner printer cartridges.

Also, the Outreach ministry accepts donations of clothing and food for the poor.



We are a "Stewardship Parish" and are provided an opportunity to contribute toward the growth of our parish. Information on our "Fruitful Vine" Stewardship process including the "Fruitful Vine Stewardship Commitment form are available in the parish office.

### WHY REGISTER IN THE PARISH?

Many people regularly attending mass at our parish are not *registered as parishioners*. Faith Formation registration is *not* parish registration.

It is important to be registered and to use your donation envelopes so that we have records of your activity in the parish. If you ever request a letter for Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, a tax statement, being a godparent or sponsor, or if you would like to have your child enrolled in our Faith Formation Program, or many other reasons, we must check our records. We can verify that you attend by seeing your identifiable donations (and/or active participation in church ministry) that have been posted in the computer.

We cannot sign affidavits stating that you are a member of the parish (even if you do attend mass here), if we have no records to that effect. If you would like to register, we encourage you to do so by completing the registration form found in the welcome flyer in the lobby or in the parish office. Please return it either by mail, or placing it in the collection basket, or dropping it off at the parish office.

## Are you a fully initiated Catholic?

...One that has received not only Baptism and First Eucharist, but also the sacrament of Confirmation.

If the answer is NO, then RCIA is for you. If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic, come to a Thursday evening meeting at 7 pm and see what it is all about. The process is very interesting. Practicing Catholics are also needed to sponsor those who wish to join the church. Come, learn, ask questions **and make friends.**



## fun, fellowship & fabulous food!

Announcing the 1st Senior Luncheon of 2012

Wednesday,  
January 25th  
12:00pm  
SJNC Youth Room

Please call to make your reservation so we know how much food to prepare.

**Lunch is free.**

Call Bob Chiodo at 649-5989 to make your reservation.

Let him know if you'd like to bring a desert.



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## Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Bede Wevita	
Visiting Priests	Msgr. Joe Cosgrove	
	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace	
	Fr. Joe Annese	
Deacons	Frank Oettinger	
	Andrè Richard	
Secretary	Rosie Arellano	657-0200ext. 201
Receptionist	Leonarda Serna	657-0200ext. 200
Business Administrator	Cheryl Shaffer	657-0200ext. 204
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Santos	657-0200ext. 211
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Kathy Oettinger	657-0200
Maintenance	Al Camacho	
Custodian	Tio Serna	
Dir. Of Children's Faith Formation	Cathy Trawinski	657-0200ext. 210
Admin. Assistant	Araceli Perez	657-0200ext. 215
Dir. Of Youth Ministry/Confirmation	Nora Luz Kriegel	657-0200ext. 214
CGS Coordinator	Helen Silva	657-0200ext. 217
Dir. Of Adult & Children's Choir	Sean Davis	255-5269
Youth Choir	Lissy De Jesus	657-0200
Organist	Kara Davis	
Organist	Delma Reid	

## Ministries/Organizations

Altar Linens	Mary Lou Bodan	658-1953
Altar Servers	Marie Ricci	399-6327
Bulletin Editors	M. Santos, E. Ramirez	657-0200
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Nelson	649-3318
Gift Shop	Nelda Schafer	657-0200
Hospitality	Elsie Lyon	395-2542
Marthas & Marys	Parish Office	657-0200
Men's Club	John Lucas	635-1817
Sick or Homebound	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Outreach	Fr. Bede Wevita	657-0200
RCIA	Sam & Gary Douglas	645-8323
Readers	Deacon Andrè Richard	324-7160
Sacristans	Max Fightmaster	657-0200
Senior Luncheons	Bob Chiodo	649-5989
Marriage Prep	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Ushers	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882

## Parish Council

Terry Lamuraglia	Tony Urevich	Shelley Robertson
Marie Ricci	Jay Rodrigues	Arlene Martin
Chris Lee	John Cruz	Jesus "Doc" Floresca
Phil Lee	Harry Shull (Consultant)	
Leticia Cristobal	Theresa Reese	

## Parish Finance Council

John Kilduff  
Margo Lamuraglia  
Aruna Silva

## Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation time for the parents of the child is three months. Please call the parish office to sign up for a class and begin the process. Baptisms are celebrated during the Mass. Parents should meet with one of the program coordinators before choosing the godparents and/or choosing a date for the Baptism.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Consult with the priest before you set the date. A minimum of six to eight months preparation is needed.

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time if you or a family member seeks the Sacrament. If possible, please try to call before your loved one is in the active process of dying.

## Communion for the Sick or Homebound

Contact the parish office during office hours. In case of hospitalization, inform the admissions office that you are a Catholic and would like to receive communion.

## Mass Intentions

Scheduled in the parish office. The calendar fills up rapidly, so Mass intentions may have to be scheduled up to a year in advance.

## House Blessings

Parishioners are encouraged to bless their own homes. Holy water and appropriate prayers are provided by the parish.

## Faith Formation Registration

Registration began in April. Classes are held from September to May. Students must complete 2 consecutive years of classes in order to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation.

## Annulments

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita or Deacon Frank Oettinger.

## Vocations

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita

### Victim Advocacy Number

Advocacy is available for any individual who has been sexually and/or physically abused.

The 24-hour hotline number is:

**(702) 235-7723**

[www.sjnc.org](http://www.sjnc.org)

