



**SAINT STEPHEN**  
(5 AD – 34 AD)  
Patron Saint of Deacons and Stonemasons  
Feast day - December 26th

St. Stephen's name means "crown," and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. The apostles ordained seven deacons as needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor, and Stephen is the most famous of these. St. Stephen spoke with such wisdom and grace that many of his hearers became followers of Jesus. His teachings aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues. Accused of blasphemy at his trial he made a long speech fiercely denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment on him. The saint spoke about Jesus, showing that He is the Savior God had promised to send. He scolded his enemies for not having believed in Jesus. At that, they rose up in great anger.

But Stephen looked up to heaven and said that he saw the heavens opening and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

They dragged St. Stephen outside the city of Jerusalem and stoned him to death. The saint prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" Then he fell to his knees and begged God not to punish his enemies for killing him. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus (later renamed Paul), a Pharisee who would later convert to Christianity and become an apostle. Traditionally, Stephen is invested with a crown of martyrdom; he is often depicted in art with three stones and the martyr's palm.



If parishioners would like to contact Fr. Patrick with suggestions or Concerns, you can contact him via email at: [pmontgomery@rcdlc.org](mailto:pmontgomery@rcdlc.org)

**A Christmas Prayer**  
"Lord Jesus, on this holy day of Your birth, we thank You for coming into our world as our Savior. Fill our hearts with Your peace, our homes with Your love, and our lives with Your light. May we share Your joy with all we meet. Amen."

**Our Parish Mission** — 'Nuestra Señora de La Luz' (Our Lady of the Light) is a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.



**Nuestra Señora de La Luz**  
**Our Lady of the Light**  
**Catholic Church**  
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La Luz, New Mexico 88337  
([www.ourladyofthelight.org](http://www.ourladyofthelight.org))  
Office: (575) 434 - 9460  
Pastor - Fr. Patrick Montgomery  
DRE: Alicia McAninch

**Liturgy & Environment:**  
Carleen Moquin

**Ministry to the Home Bound:**  
Kathy Burnett

**Food Pantry - (575) 434-9460**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**December 21st, 2025**



**Altar Servers - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129**  
Dec. 20 - Ovian & Jackson  
Dec. 21 - Joshua, Joseph, Damian  
Dec. 24 - Joseph, Joshua, Damian, Ovian  
Dec. 25 - Joseph, Jacob, Cody, Jackson  
Dec. 27 - Jackson & Damian  
Dec. 28 - Joseph, Jacob, Ovian

**Lectors - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129**  
Dec. 20 - D. & T. Lozano  
Dec. 21 - Children's Mass  
Dec. 24 - M. Marak & J. Wiley  
Dec. 25 - D. Chelgen & T. Campbell  
Dec. 27 - C. Kline & M. Montgomery

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
**Weekend Masses:**  
Saturday Evening: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am - Rosary recited before Mass  
**Communion Service: Monday & Wednesday, & Friday at 8:30am**  
**Weekday Masses: Tuesday, & Thursday at 9:00am**  
**Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays after the 9:00 am morning Mass**  
**Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday of the month after the 9:00am morning Mass.**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat:** + Inez Lindenmeyer by her family

**Sun:** + Berni & Bill Maki by the Millers

**Mon:** Communion Service

**Tues:** Communion Service

**Wed:** + Deceased of the Parish

**Thurs:** + Carlos Gutierrez by his family

**Fri:** Communion Service

**Sat:** + Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dec. 20 - C. Duran, R. Martinez, N. Kline  
Dec. 21 - R. McNeal, C. Garcia, V. Chelgrin  
Dec. 24 - R. McNeal, Carol Garcia  
Dec. 25 - S. & C. Moquin, H. Sanchez  
Dec. 27 - N. Kline, T. & D. Lozano  
Dec. 28 - D. & V. Chelgren & C. Garcia

**December Church Cleaners:** Ralph & Jane Ketter - If you can't make your assigned date, or you need to get into the church to clean, please contact Carol Garcia at (575- 446-2129).

**\*\*Parish Office Hours**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Closed on Wednesdays & Fridays &**

**Major Holidays.**

**Parish Office phone: (575) 434-9460**

**(www.ourladyofthelight.org)**

**Email: olofthelt@hotmail.com**



**May Peace, Blessings, Good Health and Happiness Be Yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year.**



**News from the Religious Ed. Dept.**

A Children's Mass will be celebrated this Sunday. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the mass.

Religious education classes will not be held during the APS Christmas Break.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00pm

Christmas Day - 9:00am

New Year's Day - 4:00pm

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Parish Office Hours**

The parish office will be closed on Dec, 22nd thru Jan. 4th. Regular Office hours will resume on Jan. 5th.

**Weekend Collection**

**\$3,338.00**

Thank you for your continued support and donations. God bless you. all.

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<http://www.ourladyofthelight.org>

**Prayer List**

Tilly Telles  
Bill Gayso  
Erlinda Garcia  
Sandra Carrillo  
Martha Walters  
Gabriel Silva  
Becky Chavez  
Rob Williams  
Pat Antram  
Cheryl Kline  
Pete Silva  
Jason Kline  
Linda Smith  
Lina Guzman  
Mary Placencio  
Terri & Dan Abbott  
Ray Sanchez  
Lucas Gaukler  
Fred Elliott  
Jacob & Guy Ross  
Denise Cuellar  
Marge Marak  
Dottie Rogers  
Scott Jensen  
William Lamb  
Daniel Lamb  
Rosalie Mohnen  
Heather Williams  
Fernando Shelland  
Stacy Gomez  
Miguel Casarez



**Our Lady of the Light Food Pantry**

On Tuesday, December 16th, the Food Pantry served 133 families with 346 individuals in those families. The Food pantry is open on Tuesdays (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month) from 10am until 2:00pm. Listed below are food items that are needed. Hot & cold cereal, diced & stewed tomatoes, Dried beans & rice, Canned soups, & Ramen. The Food pantry will be closed from Dec. 23rd - Jan. 6th. We will be re-open January 13th. Thank you for your continued support of OLOL Food Pantry. We could not help over 100 families every week without your generous donations. God Bless you all.



**Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes can be found on the back table of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. If you would like to use the offering envelopes and do not have a number assigned to you, please contact the parish office. We would like to thank all parishioners for your continued financial support. God bless you.

**Gift for Parishioners**

One of our parishioners has purchased copies of Matthew Kelly's new book "Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality."

Please take a copy for your family. One copy per family please. God bless our generous donor.



**Month of December**

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\*\*\*\*\* Remember \*\*\*\*\*

Please be respectful of those who are praying prior to Mass by whispering when visiting with others in the church.

**\*Confession Times\***

Confessions are heard at St. Francis de Paula in Tularosa on Thursdays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Confessions will not be held on the Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

Confessions are heard at Our Lady of the Light on Saturday Afternoons at 3:00pm.

- Fr. Patrick



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE**—The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all new and existing volunteers undergo a background check, participate in a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Module and sign a code of conduct **every 5 years**. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE VIRTUS TRAINING**. New volunteers must create a VIRTUS account and complete the policy requirement before beginning volunteer work. Existing volunteers must log in to your account to renew the requirements at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) For questions or assistance contact the Virtus local administrator, Dave Chelgren at: dpcchelgren@gmail.com or Safe Environment Coordinator Mary Garcia mgarcia@rcdcl.org. 575-222-4235.