



Saint André Bessette
AUGUST 9, 1845–JANUARY 6, 1937
Patron Saint of: Family Caregivers
Symbols: A Small Jar of St. Joseph's Oil
& a Statue of St. Joseph
Canonized: October 17, 2010
Canonized by: Pope Benedict XVI

Character is the greatest investment any of us can make. No matter what our situation or station in life, great character makes us positive influences to others and ourselves. But to build character, we need the humility to ask God for his help. Our limitations and pains can serve as reminders to ask God for help and build character. This was certainly the case with Saint André Bessette.

Saint André Bessette was orphaned at age twelve, suffered from a debilitating stomach illness that made it difficult to secure any job, and was initially rejected by the order he wanted to join: the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Holy Cross later accepted him into their order as a lay brother and allowed him to be a doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal. He humbly accepted the role and served in it for over forty years. It would have been easy for André to become bitter at his seemingly menial job as a doorkeeper, but he did not. Instead, he transformed it into a way of positively impacting thousands of people over his life. The key to this transformation was character.

André asked for God's help in building his character, and God responded by working miracles through him. André welcomed visitors with such warmth and love that many were drawn to Notre Dame College just to see him. He cared for the sick in the college, and often anointed them with oil from a lamp in the college chapel. Many people reported miraculous healings from his loving touch. Who would have thought the humble doorkeeper would be God's instrument to work such wonders? Yet it is precisely when our character is built of humility and love that God is able to work miracles.



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

Prayer for Epiphany

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. — 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
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Carleen Moquin
Ministry to the Home Bound:
Kathy Burnett
Food Pantry - (575) 434-9460



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.

Altar Servers - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129
Jan. 3 - Jackson & Damian
Jan. 4 - Joseph, Cody, Isadora, Jacob
Jan 10 - Joseph, Jackson, Ovian
Jan. 11 - Joshua, Damien, Jacob

Lectors - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129
Jan. 3 - R. & M. Wood
Jan. 4 - D. Chelgren & M. Marak
Jan. 10 C. & T. McGinn
Jan. 11 - J. Wiley & K. Burnett

Mass Intentions
Sat: +Lalie Sanchez by his family
Sun: + Tex Marak by his family
Mon: Communion Service
Tues: +Horacio Gutierrez - Funeral Mass at 10:00am
Wed: Communion Service
Thurs: + Rudy Cadena
Fri: Communion Service
Sat: + Ben Placencio

Eucharistic Ministers:
Jan. 3 - N. Kline, C. Duran, M. Engelhardt
Jan. 4 - V. Chelgren, H. Sanchez, C. Garcia
Jan. 10 - T. & D. Lozano, G. Aguliar
Jan. 11 - S. & C. Moquin, R. McNeal

January Church Cleaners: Genevieve & Eddie Reyes - 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)
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Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2026 are available on the back table. If you would like to receive a box of offering envelopes or if you no longer wish to use the offering envelopes, please call the Parish office to let us know of your request.

Contribution Statements

If you would like a contribution statement for 2025, please call the parish office and one will be printed for you. Thank you for your continued support and contributions.



Religious Education News

We remind our parents that Religious Ed. Classes will not be held during the APS Christmas Break. Classes will resume Jan. 7th. We thank our parish families for their continued support.

A Funeral Mass for Horacio Gutierrez will be celebrated Tuesday, Jan. 6th at 10:00am. There will be no morning mass at 9:00am that morning.

Christmas Collection - \$4,160.00
Weekend Collection
\$3,344.00

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 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.



OLOL Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners are invited to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 15th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.



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



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.

Thank You

Fr. Patrick would like to thank everyone who gave him cards, gifts and well wishes this Christmas. May God bless you and your families this coming year.

January - "The Holy Name of Jesus"
The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. We reflect on the power and holiness in the name of Jesus. Reminding us of God's love incarnated in Christ.

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

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 For questions or assistance contact the Virtus local administrator, Dave Chelgren at: dpcchelgren@gmail.com or Safe Environment Coordinator Mary Garcia mgarcia@rcdlc.org. 575-222-4235.