



Native American News

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† **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

–Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

†The Law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul,
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

†The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

†The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.†

Reading

Mark 3:22-30

The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "[Jesus] is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, [Jesus] began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin."

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against blaspheming against the Holy Spirit. Such blasphemy would tear against the Church. Our tongues should be used for the glory of God and to offer forgiveness to one another. Thomas Aquinas, whom we honor today, had a gift for language. He helped people understand our relationship with God through his writings. Most Catholics, though, may be familiar with this theologian and philosopher's Eucharistic hymns. The Dominican priest composed "Pange lingua," "Tantum ergo," and "Panis Angelicus."



Plan to Attend Our Annual Events!

- Scholarship Thanksgiving Mass - March 3, 2019 at 2pm
- Annual Native Liturgy - August 17, 2019 from 5:15-6:45pm
- Annual Advent Celebration - December 14, 2019 from 3-5pm

Memorial Mass Held for Msgr. Paul Lenz

By Alan Cherino, Native American Ministry Advisory Board Member

Msgr. Lenz was the National Director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington D.C., a position he held from 1976 to 2007. He died on May 14, 2017 at the age of 91. Msgr. Lenz served in several positions throughout his life: teacher, curator, missionary, and editor (assistant editor, *The Catholic Register*). He was well-known by many Native Americans as vice postulator investigating the saint-hood miracle and leading the cause of canonization for St. Kateri Tekakwitha.



Msgr. Paul Lenz

Msgr. Lenz worked for many years as a missionary (including service among the Gaurani Indians of Paraguay) early in his career after becoming a priest in 1949. He not only revitalized

the operations of the Mission Office but took to heart repairing and rebuilding strained relations between the Catholic Church and Native Americans in the 1970s and 1980s. He believed in respecting the Native American religious traditions and saw the devotional worship native peoples have for God and Jesus Christ.

Thanks to his effort and the many concerned Native American voices whom Msgr. Lenz heard, the Tekakwitha Conference was instrumental along with his long and continuous work helping to get Kateri Tekakwitha beautified in June 1980 and eventually becoming a saint in October 2012.

Since his passing last year, the Native American Ministry Director, Shirley Zuni, and the Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe began discuss-

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ing a way to honor Msgr. Lenz for his work with the Native American community. A memorial mass for Monsignor Paul Lenz was held on April 22, 2018 at the archdiocesan Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha – St. Augustine Church in Isleta Pueblo. Many of the New Mexico Pueblo Kateri Circles attended the mass which was celebrated by Archbishop John C. Wester along with concelebrants Abbott Joel Garner (Norbertine Community) and Minister Provincial Very Rev. Jack Clark-Robinson.

5th Annual Archbishop Luncheon with Pueblo Governors

By Alan Cherino, Native American Ministry Advisory Board Member

The Native American Ministry Office held its 5th Annual Archbishop Luncheon with the New Mexico Pueblo Governors at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe's Catholic Center in Albuquerque on May 11, 2018. The Native American Ministry Office looks forward each year to hosting this luncheon as it unites Archbishop John C. Wester and the newly appointed pueblo governors, tribal leaders, and those who continue to serve their pueblo communities.

Archbishop Wester addressed the luncheon guests – current and former pueblo leaders, religious priests and deacons from among the archdiocese, Archdiocese of Santa Fe office directors and staff members, and several other invited guests. Archbishop Wester spoke of his “deep love of the pueblos.” As a young boy, Archbishop recalled reading two books that stand out vividly in his memory: one on the capitals of the United States, and the other about the Native American people. He recalled feeling the love and respect the Native Americans have for their traditions and culture, and the

beauty of all that it encompasses.

Archbishop said, “We speak different languages. But we have the common language of love. Jesus came to teach us the language of love.” Then he posed the question, how can we come together to celebrate [God's love]? He said, “We can celebrate the rich culture we have [together].”

Archbishop Wester was glad to meet with the pueblo governors and mentioned that he tries to attend the Pueblo feast days as much as he can each year.

Governors and tribal officials representing pueblos Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Santo Domingo, Tesuque, and Zia attended the luncheon. Other officials also in attendance were Archbishop Emeritus Michael J. Sheehan, Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council of Governors, E. Paul Torres, Sr., and former Isleta Second Lt. Governor, Isidor Abeita.

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The luncheon concluded with an Apostles' Cross given to each pueblo by Archbishop Wester and posing for our group photo.



Various Pueblo Governors, Tribal Officials and Catholic Center staff who attended the Luncheon. Photo courtesy of *People of God Publication*

29th Annual Native American Liturgy Celebrated

By Alan Cherino, Native American Ministry Advisory Board Member

The 29th Annual Native American Liturgy was celebrated August 18, 2018, in Santa Fe at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Archbishop John C. Wester was the main celebrant with Reverend Monsignor Jerome Martinez Y Alire con-celebrating, Reverend Adam Lee Ortega as Master of Ceremonies, Deacon John Bird serving as Deacon of the Altar and Deacon Manny Robles serving as Deacon of the Word.

This liturgy is celebrated each year on the same weekend as the Annual Indian Market in Santa Fe. Native American artists are up and down every street in and around the plaza with what seems to be hundreds – maybe thousands – of art shoppers and tourists. As people browse the Native art world and enjoy the delicious food of Santa Fe, the Native American Liturgy is being prepared to come alive.

The liturgy is organized through the Archdiocese of Santa Fe by the Native American Ministry Office, the Office of Worship, and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The liturgy is served by Native Americans from among the New Mexico pueblos. The Laguna Pueblo Eagle Dancers led the procession as they danced an opening prayer. The altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and some of the choir members were Pueblo Natives.

One reading was proclaimed in the native language by Christine Suina of Cochiti Pueblo. Myles Wade of Isleta Pueblo proclaimed the other reading in English. Many of those whom were present wore their Native clothing. It was a beautiful mass!

In attendance at this year's mass were the following special guests: Sr. Kateri Mitchell, Director of the National Tekakwitha Conference Center; Pueblo officials from Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Taos, and Ysleta del Sur (near El Paso, TX); and Ms. Norma Ang Sanchez, Consul of Mexico. Other special attendees included Native American Ministry Advisory Board members, Pastoral Ministries Division staff of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and Geri Rychner of Yakima, WA.

On behalf of Shirley Zuni, Director of the Native American Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, many thanks and blessings to all who served, helped, and participated to make this year's liturgy a beautiful and wonderful celebration. Special blessings to Archbishop Wester, Deacons John Bird and Manny Robles, the Laguna Pueblo singers and Eagle Dancers (it was a great honor to have their presence and offer their dance of prayer and blessings), altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choirs from Ohkay Owingeh Pueb-

lo, Jemez Pueblo and Isleta Pueblo, and a special thank you to the pastoral staff of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Finally, on behalf of Native American Ministry we would like to especially thank Choir Director Carmen Florez-Mansi and pianist Eric Fricke for their awesome music direction! God bless you all and we'll see you next year!



Pueblo Governors and Tribal Officials participated as gift bearers. Photo courtesy of Geri Richner.



Native youth from Pueblos all across New Mexico participated in the Native Mass. Photos courtesy of Geri Richner.

Annual Advent Celebration

By Virginia Sangre, Native American Ministry Advisory Board Member

The Native American Ministry Advent Celebration was held on December 15, 2018 at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque. Special guests including Archbishop John C. Wester and Archbishop Emeritus Michael J. Sheehan were in attendance as approximately 150 invitees from various Pueblos gathered for a delicious dinner and a special presentation. A framed photo of Our Lady of Peace in Santa Fe was presented to Archbishop Wester and to

Eddie Paul Torres, Sr., Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council of Governors and Former Governor of Isleta Pueblo, for the many days and hours of hard work they did along with many of the Northern Pueblo and Santa Fe constituents regarding putting an end to the reenactment of The Entrada. Those who attended were also presented with two small gifts, one was a small handmade macaroni Advent Angel made by the Youth Group from Our Lady of the Most

Holy Rosary in Albuquerque, the other which was a small, colorful, hand-painted bell with a special message from Pope Francis stating that we are all "Called to Holiness". Many toys were also gathered at the Celebration, as each year the Native American Ministry Office donates toys to the Albuquerque Indian Center. We thank each and every one of you who were able to attend our wonderful Advent Celebration and we hope to see you all again next year!

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The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Reorganization during the first week of December, 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them.

The Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is not part of the Chapter 11 filing. ACA is separately incorporated and funding is not available for legal claims. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe throughout this process and beyond. Christ's loving work must endure through this.

Thank you for continuing to support these efforts.

Said A Prayer For You Today

I said a Valentine prayer
for you today.
And asked the Lord above
to fill your heart
and bless your soul
with the precious gift of Love.
I asked Him for sincere love
the kind that's meant to stay.
Just like the generous love
you give to those
You touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
and from every cherished friend.
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end!



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“The Native American Ministry Office works to build strong Catholic leaders within the pueblos by bridging the two faith traditions together to create and nurture faithful members of the Church.”