



## SAINT ANTHONY

*Our Mission: May Christ's grace renew us to exercise His gifts. (see Rom 12:4-6)*

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### Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil .....5:00 p.m.

Sunday.....7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Domingo (en Español).....12:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

30 minutes before daily Mass and Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



## SACRED HEART

Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday .....10:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday .....9:30 a.m.



## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Physical Address: 111 S. 5th St., Liff, CO

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday.....8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday .....7:30 a.m.

**December  
7th  
2025**



**The Second  
Sunday of  
Advent**

## THE POSADAS AND ITS ORIGIN

### Origin of las Posadas

Posadas are a deep-rooted tradition in Mexican culture during the Christmas season. Its origin dates back to the Spanish colonization in Mexico, when missionaries sought to integrate the customs of the native Indians with the Christian faith. Las posadas is a catechesis that the missionaries used to teach the indigenous people about the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, who were looking for a place to give birth to Jesus.

### Celebration of the Posadas

Posadas are traditionally held from **December 16 to 24**, with each night marking a stage in Mary and Joseph's journey. During these celebrations, the community comes together to remember this moment, symbolizing the search for refuge and hospitality.

Some essential components of this celebration include:

- **Prayers and Songs:** Each night, attendees sing carols and recite prayers, representing Mary and Joseph asking for lodging.
- **Piñatas:** A festive element that symbolizes sin, which is broken to release gifts and sweets.
- **Traditional Food:** Typical dishes such as tamales and atole are an essential part of the celebration, uniting families and friends around the table.
- **Decoration:** The houses are decorated with lights and Christmas elements, creating a cozy and festive atmosphere.

## LAS POSADAS Y SU ORIGEN

### Origen de las Posadas

Las posadas son una tradición profundamente arraigada en la cultura mexicana durante la época navideña. Su origen se remonta a la colonización española en México, cuando los misioneros buscaban integrar las costumbres de los indígenas nativos con la fe cristiana. Las posadas es una catequesis que los misioneros utilizaron para enseñar a los indígenas el viaje de María y José a Belén, quienes buscaban un lugar donde dar a luz a Jesús.

### Celebración de las Posadas

Las posadas se celebran tradicionalmente del **16 al 24 de diciembre**, con cada noche marcando una etapa del viaje de María y José. Durante estas celebraciones, la comunidad se une para recordar este momento la búsqueda de refugio y la hospitalidad.

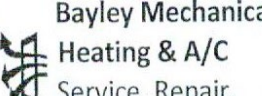
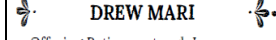
Algunos componentes esenciales de esta celebración incluyen:

- **Oraciones y Cantos:** Cada noche, los asistentes cantan villancicos y oraciones, representando a María y José pidiendo posada.
- **Piñatas:** Un elemento festivo que simboliza el pecado, que se rompe para liberar regalos y dulces.
- **Comida Tradicional:** Platillos típicos como tamales y atole son parte esencial de la celebración, uniendo a las familias y amigos en torno a la mesa.
- **Decoración:** Las casas se adornan con luces y elementos navideños, creando un ambiente acogedor y festivo.

*Fr. Martin Frias*





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