

All ministry volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS) every FIVE years per Archdiocese of Santa Fe policy. This comprehensive training that assists in creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults may be accessed on the Archdiocese website at [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org) or through [www.smdlp.org](http://www.smdlp.org). Volunteers may also attend the training in person. Call the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office at (505) 831-8144 for training locations and dates.

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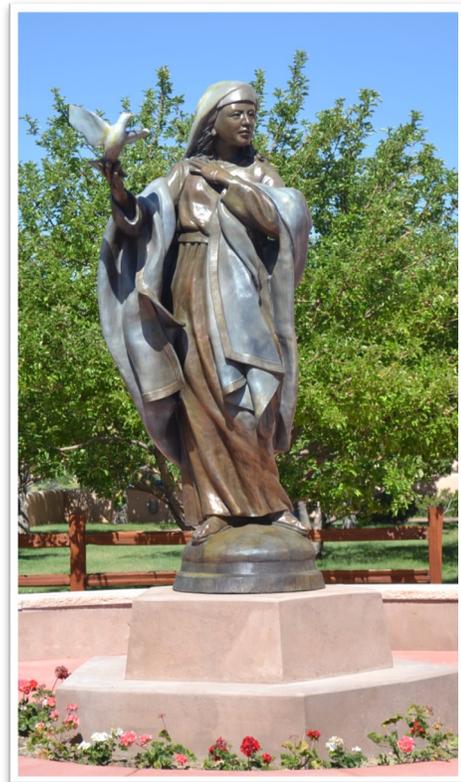


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## ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY



The **ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY** decorates the church, San Jose Chapel and the gathering space throughout the year. There are five major decorating times during the calendar year...

**FALL HARVEST...**

Fall decorating begins in October when our place of worship is transformed into a harvest setting.



**ADVENT...**



Next, for the season of Advent, our ministry creates a winter scene in November to

prepare the community for Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS...**

In mid-December, the ministry sets up the Nativity which means Christmas is upon us. The following week, the ministry decorates for the much anticipated day of Christmas. This is the last major decorating task of the year.



In mid-January, the decorations are removed as the Church returns to Ordinary time (season after Christmas and before Lent).

**LENT...**

In early spring, the ministry transforms the worship space for Lent, in preparation for Easter.



**EASTER...**



Easter is the busiest season for this Ministry beginning with Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Thursday, Good

Friday, and Easter. Weeks after Easter, the decorations are removed as the Church returns to Ordinary time.

There is also work to be done in-between the great seasons. Our ministry welcomes new hands to help us adorn this great space.

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