

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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At Our Lady of Fatima Parish we are committed to know, love and serve God through Word and Sacrament, through our shared experience as the Mystical Body of Christ, and through the call to full, conscious and active participation in parish life.

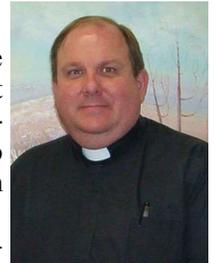
September 1, 2019



**22nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



It is said that when you think you have the virtue of humility it is a sure sign that you do not have it. Today’s readings center around this virtue, which is essential to the life of a Christian if we are to reach our goal of Heaven.

Our First Reading today (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29) comes from the Book of Sirach which is a part of what is known as the “Wisdom Literature” of the Old Testament. The “Wisdom Literature” seeks to share advice and guidance on how to lead a life that is pleasing to God. Today’s Reading begins with “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.” Not only will the simple and humble person “find favor with God” (which is the most important thing), but such a person will also be respected by others, which must also be accepted with humility.

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7-14) that we ought not to presume to take the place of honor at a celebration. In the parables of Jesus, a wedding feast is often an image for the eternal banquet feast in Heaven. The point Jesus makes is that when invited to the banquet feast of Heaven, as we all are, we ought not to make too many assumptions.

The spiritual life has two extreme sins against hope. One is *despair*. Despair is the assumption that we are never good enough for God’s love and so are probably destined to hell. It might sound like humility to say that “I’m just too terrible a person for God to love”, but it isn’t. At its core, despair is the sin of believing that **God** is not good enough and not strong enough to forgive and love us. Only someone who has refused the gift of hope can believe that they have sinned enough to make God give up on them. This attitude is also thought to be what the Bible means by “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit” being the only unforgivable sin.

The other extreme in the spiritual life is *presumption*. There is a great deal of presumption today. We may presume that by being a decent person we are somehow deserving of going to Heaven. We may forget that Heaven is an invitation – not an entitlement. We may forget that Heaven is a gift – not something that we are owed.

We can turn to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary if we need an example of authentic humility. Through her “Yes” at the Annunciation, she opened herself completely to God’s will. She invites us to do the same.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass ----- 7:30 AM

Saturday Anticipatory Mass for Sunday----- 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass----- 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Weekday Mass-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday -- 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM

Tuesday and Thursday -----6:30 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30 AM, 8:15 AM and 5:30 PM *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*

CONFESSION Saturday-----3:30 to 5:00 PM or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- - - -Mondays 8:45AM to 5:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK-----First Fridays after the
6:30 AM & 8:15 AM

Masses

OFFICE HOURS- - Monday through Thursday- 8:00AM to 4:30 PM

MINISTRY FAIR See page 3



**Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God.**

(Sirach 3:18)

Monday, September 2, Weekday

6:30 AM †Francisco and Florinda Calderon (Family)

8:15 AM †Jose P. and Bertha M. Sanchez (M.E. & K. Hughes)
†Sally and Nestor Sanchez (M.E. and K. Hughes)
◆Intentions of Patrick Floyd (David Olague)

Tuesday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM ◆Intentions of John Varney (Chuck & Karen Cooper)
†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)

Wednesday, September 4, Weekday

6:30 AM ◆Intentions of Rose Chavez (Margie Romero)
†Catherine Ten Barge (Mary An Spiller)

8:15 AM ◆For a Special Intention
◆Intentions of Brandon, Emily & Sofia Nation
(Sharon Mussmann)
†Ramona “Mona” Apodaca (Mary)

Thursday, September 5, Weekday

6:30 AM ◆In Thanksgiving for our Ministry Volunteers

First Friday, September 6, Weekday

6:30 AM †For all those on the memorial plaques and the
Intentions or which votive lights are lit
†Shirley A. Schultz
◆Intentions of Alcaria Valdez and Family)

8:15 AM †Margaret Storey (Family)
†Dante Menicucci (wife, Mary)
◆Intentions of Fr. Jim O’Brien, SJ (Carol Yarnall)

First Saturday, September 7, Weekday

7:30 AM †Leon Palmisano (wife, Priscilla and family)
†Mary Lou Jaramillo (husband, Amadeo)
†Margaret Collins (Regina Peel)

5:30 PM ◆Intentions of All Parishioners
†Elisa DiGangi (Family)
◆Intentions of Roselyn Calderon and Family

Sunday, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM †Martin Gutierrez (Baca Family)
†Fusako “Chiko” Jaramillo (Family)
†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)

10:00 AM ◆Living and deceased members of the Barbara
LeBow Family
†Teresa Moulds (Sally Morris)
†Pauline Krawic (Archuleta Family)

12:00 PM †Esequiel Gonzales (wife, Tina)
†Peg Moser (Annette Baker and Family)
†Mary Ann Carrillo (Family)

**PLEASE NOTE: Meeting and event times and dates
are subject to change.**

9/2 Monday’s Schedule: LABOR DAY

- Parish Office and School Closed Today
- **No adoration**

9/3 Tuesday’s Schedule:

- 6:30 PM—Parish Council Meeting in Parish Dining Room

9/4 Wednesday’s Schedule:

- 6:30 PM—Adult Faith Formation in FGH Room 1
- 7:00 PM— Pre-Baptism Class FGH Room 2

9/5 Thursday’s Schedule:

- 10:00 AM—Adult Faith Formation in FGH Room 1
- 3:00 PM—Legion of Mary Meeting in FGH Conference Room
- 6:30 PM— Choir Practice in the Church

9/6 Friday’s Schedule:

- First Friday Anointing after Masses
- After 8:15 AM Mass- Active Adults Monthly Birthday Breakfast

9/7 Saturday’s Schedule:

- 4:30 PM—Children’s Choir Practice in Music Room
- Ministry Fair after the 5:30 PM Mass in FGH

9/8 Sunday’s Schedule:

- After the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses— Coffee, donuts and burritos in FGH
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM—Pre-Confirmation and High School Confirmation Classes in the School
- Ministry Fair after all Masses in Fatima-Gallagher Hall

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
[cf. 11b]/Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5,
11-12, 13 [13b]/Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
[13]/Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6[2]/
Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/
Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-
17 [1]/Philemon 9-10, 12-17/Luke 14:25-33

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Quotable Saints

**“Seek God in all things
and we shall find God by our side.”**

St. Peter Claver

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Around the Archdiocese

Office of Family Life Everyone is invited to a Free, Community Event designed to Equip, Inspire and Empower Every Family. September 21, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Onsite Childcare with prior registration. University of NM Continuing Education Conference Center. For details, go to www.familystrongnm.org or call the Family Life Office at 505-831-8208

Seasons of Hope

A Christ-centered support group for those grieving the death of a loved one hosted at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. **Wednesdays, October 9—November 20** (no meeting October 30) from noon to 2pm and **Thursdays, October 10—November 21** (no meeting October 31) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. To reserve your place or for more information contact Barbara Guenther at Barbara@holynosaryabq.org or (505)836-5011 ext 227.

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning (NFP) Instruction
Visit www.familylifennm.org for more information about NFP .

The Catholic Epistles: James; 1 & 2 Peter; 1, 2, & 3 John; Jude— A two-part advanced theology class (10 hours total) Presented by Jason H. Rodarte, Ed.D - September 28, 2019, 9AM to 3PM and October 26, 2019, 9AM to 3PM. Cost is \$10 for class and \$17.50 for book. Location is at St. Anne Church, 1400 Arenal Rd. SW, Albuquerque. Class will be in the Parish Office Conference Room. For more info or to register at St. Anne call Lee Anne Morales at 877-3121. To register at the Archdiocese Formation Office call 831-8179. *Last day to register is September 16.*

Come to Christ - Join us for Come to Christ: A Night of Praise, Worship, and Adoration on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (301 S Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo). One young adult will also share their faith story. College students and young adults (18-35) are especially encouraged to attend. All are welcome! Contact (505) 873-4399 ext. 237 for more information.

Taizé in the Desert - Leave the noise of modern life behind for an evening of prayer at Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey (5825 Coors Blvd. SW) on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 7:00pm. Build your relationship with Jesus Christ through song, scripture, silence and contemplation! All are welcome to join us on the third Friday of each month for this ecumenical and interdenominational form of prayer. Taizé is a spirituality that is easy to experience and hard to describe.

Next Weekend: Second Collection for Seminarian

Next weekend will be the annual second collection for seminarian support. The funds received are used to help pay the seminary expenses for the education and spiritual formation of seminarians specifically for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Additional funding comes from the Annual Catholic Appeal and Mass stipends that are offered by persons requesting Mass intentions. Please give generously to the second collection next weekend. Today's seminarians will be tomorrow's Priests to serve the parishes of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.



Labor Day Holiday

The Parish Office and Our Lady of Fatima School will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday. Daily Mass will be offered at the regular times of 6:30 am and 8:15 am. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction this day.

Why Light Votive Candles?

In the Christian tradition, light is a symbol of faith, truth, wisdom, virtue, grace, the divine life, charity, the ardor of prayer and the sacred presence which flow from Christ Himself. With this background, we can appreciate the usage of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but the one whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even after we depart from the church and go about our daily business. Also, the burning candle symbolized a sacrifice, which is made in both the offering of the prayer and the acceptance of the Lord's Will.

In all, the usage of votive candles is a pious practice which continues today in many churches. The symbolism does remind us that prayer is a "coming into" the light of Christ, allowing our souls to be filled with His light, and letting that light burn on in our souls even though we may return to our other activities.

At Our Lady of Fatima Church, we have votive candles located on the two side altars, one which honors the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the other which honors the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For safety reasons, our candles are electric rather than open flame. Persons wishing to have a candle lit to represent their prayer intentions are asked to use the available offering envelopes to make an offering for the candle and placing the envelope in the "poor boxes" located by the doors of the church. After your intention is received, a member of the parish staff will light a candle on your behalf.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bernadine Whitmore

Margaret Mary Algermissen

Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

- Megan Quinn**
- Sara Velasquez**
- Brian Baldonado**

We are blessed that you have joined our parish family.

MINISTRIES **How is God Calling you To Serve?**

Active Adults—Coordinators: Currently Vacant

The first Friday of every month, everyone is invited to gather for breakfast after the 8:15 AM liturgy to celebrate the birthdays of the month. The Active Adults group also sponsors field trips.

Altar Servers—Coordinator: Theresa Irvin

A great opportunity for 4th graders and above to serve at the Celebration of the Eucharist. High school and college age parishioners are especially encouraged to serve.

Blessed Mother Rosary Guild—Coordinator: Jahna Wilmott

The Guild handcrafts rosaries for free distribution to various ministries world-wide in order to promote Our Lady's cause for devotion to her son, Jesus Christ, and world peace.

Choir—Coordinator: Consuelo Chavez OFS

Opportunities are for adults and children to lead the people in joyful worship by singing and playing musical instruments.

Coffee and Donuts—Coordinator: Susan Koller

Facilitate fellowship by helping to serve coffee, donuts and burritos after the 7:30 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sundays.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and Commentators—

Coordinator: Teresa Bennett

As extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist you can distribute Holy Communion during Mass or Proclaim the Word of God and introduce the Mass intentions and announcements.

Greeters—Coordinator Pat Abbott

Cheerfully welcome people to the Celebration of the Eucharist and make visitors feel at home in our parish.

Holy Name Society—President: Louis Puccini

The Society purpose is to give public devotion and honor to the Holy Name of Jesus, and provide for the spiritual growth and enrichment of the men of the parish 18 years of age and older. A Corporate Mass is held at 10 AM the third Sunday of each month and a meeting follows.

Legion of Mary—Coordinator: Frances Holmes

This is an international organization ministering to the spiritual needs of the parish community.

Birthright—Coordinator: Odelia Beach—Office-262-2235

Helps any girl or woman regardless of age, race, creed, marital or economic status, who feels distressed by a pregnancy, allowing her to ask questions and explore her options without pressure and without being judged.

Ministry of Care/Outreach—Coordinator: Mary Ann Lopez

The home-bound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Body of Christ to the parishioners who cannot attend the Celebration of the Eucharist.

St. Vincent de Paul—President: Margaret M. M. Trace

Members grow spiritually through service to people in need and are dedicated to helping with food, utilities and rent.

Ushers—Coordinator: James Willis

Offer support to people by assisting in seating, taking up offerings, distributing the bulletins and newspapers.

Women's Guild - President: Gina Joyner

Women's parish organization open to all women of the parish. Our purpose is to coordinate and offer service to the parish community and to encourage spirituality, friendship and support to its members. Our corporate Mass is held every third Sunday of the month followed by a short meeting. No meetings May—August.

Parish Council -

Chairman: Christopher Joyner; Vice-Chairman: Steven Montiel; Secretary: Christine Martinez

Members:

Laura-Martinez Sanchez, Roger Martinez, Veronica Nunez (School Rep.), Barbara Posler, James Willis, LaVonne Yazzie . (Two Vacancies)

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Dining Room.

CALL 265-5868 TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT PREPARATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

 **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE INSTRUCTION (CCD) for Kindergarten through 7th Grades**—This is a home-based program with parish support. Attendance at a monthly formation meeting will be required.

 **CONFIRMATION—CRE: Mrs. Josephine Roe**
A two-year program of catechesis and preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that is open to students in grades 8 through 12 who have been Baptized and have received First Communion. The first year "Pre-Confirmation" class is for 8th graders as well as any older students who have not completed it. The second year "Confirmation Prep" class is for students in grades 9 thru 12.

 **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**- This is a program for individuals interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM.

 **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** —Couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural Family Planning.

 **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**-The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is offered the third Sunday of the month after the 12:00 PM Mass. Arrangements are to be made in person at the parish office. A birth certificate is required. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism class that is offered the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 1 of Fatima-Gallagher Hall. *Pre-registration for the class is required.* Godparents must be at least 16 years old, confirmed and actively practicing their Catholic faith. If Godparents are married, they must be married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.

Our Lady of Fatima Website: www.fatimachurchabq.org
Vatican Website: www.vatican.va
Archdiocese of Santa Fe Website: www.archdiosf.org

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL
Pre-K through 8th grade
Ms. Melinda Mader, Principal
School Office: (505) 255-6391 School Fax: (505) 268-3279
Website: www.fatimaschoolabq.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL'S ANNUAL RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY!

All proceeds benefit the school. Raffle to be held at the Halloween Carnival on October 25, 2019
 Winners need not be present to win:
1st Prize: \$1,000 · 2nd Prize: \$500 · 3rd Prize: \$350.
Tickets \$2.00 per entry
 Students will be selling tickets after all Masses
**WEEKEND OF
 September 14 & 15**

Please help support our school's major fundraiser.

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
 Producing Academic Excellence Since 1950

**4th ANNUAL
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

(Includes breakfast burrito, lunch & cart)

Call 255-6391 for info.

**Saturday,
 September 21, 2019**

**ARROYO del OSO
 Golf Course**

\$100/golfer
 7AM Registration
 8 AM Shotgun Start
 4 Player Scramble
 Awards
 and
 Prizes!!!

All proceeds benefit
 Our Lady of Fatima School



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH
 2 YEAR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
 for Students in Grades 8-12
 Classes Start September 8, 2019**

The Pre-Confirmation class for 8th grade students, and the Confirmation class for 9th grade through 12th grade, both begin to meet next Sunday, September 8th. Students will be expected to attend the 10:00 am Mass and sit in the designated area. Class will follow the Mass from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in a classroom at Our Lady of Fatima School. Students who are eligible to participate in these classes to prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and have not yet registered to do so, should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for the classes.

Please make sure we have a photo copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. There is a \$50 book fee for each student.



**RCIA CLASSES BEGIN ON
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AND
 WILL RUN THROUGH MAY 13.
 CLASSES WILL BE HELD EVERY
 WEDNESDAY FROM 6:30 pm UNTIL 7:30 pm
 IN THE LIBRARY OF FATIMA-GALLAGHER HALL.**



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 FAMILY BASED CATECHISM (CCD)
 INSTRUCTION for CHILDREN FROM K-7**

The documents of Vatican II emphasize the role of the domestic church, highlighting the belief that *"parents (and grandparents) should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children"*.

Following this teaching, Our Lady of Fatima parish will be implementing an exciting approach for the catechesis of children from Kindergarten through the 7th grade. Materials and support for the ongoing catechesis will be provided for parents in our CCD program through texts and monthly formation meetings.

An introduction to Family Based Catechism meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Fatima Gallagher Hall. All parents and students enrolled in the program are required to attend.

Here's a happy little Falcon!!

A new Pre-K student at Our Lady of Fatima School eagerly looks forward to the start of a new school day.

The school still has openings at all grade levels.

To learn more about Our Lady of Fatima School or to schedule a visit, please contact the Principal, Melinda Mader, at the school office (505) 255-6391.9



Come to the Ministry Fair

The parish will be having a "Ministry Fair" in Fatima-Gallagher Hall after all Masses on the weekend of **September 7th and 8th**.

All parishioners are invited to come and explore volunteer opportunities in the various ministries of our parish.

The Lord does us the honor of placing his confidence in us and calling us to the ministry, showing us His mercy. This call is not reserved for a few, it is for everyone, each in his own state of life.

St. John Paul II



Is the Lord calling you to serve in a ministry?