

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.

December 22, 2019



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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

ANOIDTING 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

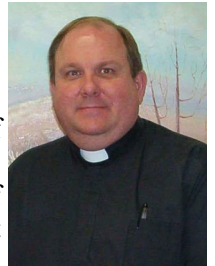
Friday-8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Today's Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24) is sometimes referred to as the "Annunciation to Joseph," as an angel of the Lord speaks to Joseph in his dreams and reveals God's plan for the birth of the Savior. What if Joseph had not obeyed Gabriel? In a small town like Nazareth where everyone knew everyone else, Mary's pregnancy prior to moving in with Joseph as his wife would have been scandalous. And imagine what must have been going through Joseph's mind when he became aware that Mary was with child and knew that he was not the biological father. Under the law he could have had her and her unborn child stoned to death, but any doubts he had were overcome by his love for Mary and he had decided to divorce her quietly so that no harm would come to her. But then came the message of the angel, encouraging him to take Mary as his wife.

"Do not be afraid." With those four words – repeated again and again by the archangel Gabriel, our hope of salvation was born. Gabriel told Joseph not to give in to fears about what others might say, think, or do. Previously, Gabriel had spoken similar words of reassurance to Zechariah when he received news of his wife's miraculous pregnancy. Gabriel would utter these words again, telling Mary, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." After the birth of Jesus, these same words would be used to beckon the shepherds to come in from the fields, to adore at the Christ child's crib.

"Do not be afraid." These were the words with which Saint John Paul II began his papacy when he emerged from the conclave, and greeted the faithful gather in St. Peter's Square – words that he repeated many times throughout his papacy. These same words are spoken to us each time that we face challenges in life, difficult decisions, or even our own sinfulness. As we prepare for Christmas just one week away, and wrap our last-minute gifts, let us recall that the greatest gift isn't one we will find under the tree. The greatest gift of Christmas will be wrapped not in brightly colored paper and bows but in swaddling clothes and found laying in a manger. The greatest gift of Christmas is the very Son of God himself, who was born to die, that we might live.





**Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)**

Monday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

6:30 AM †Rudolfo Lujan Baca (Edward M. Kelly)
†Alice Owen (Carpenter Family)
†Victoria Ann Lara Loring (Vicenti Family)

8:15 AM †Jeanette Devoti (husband, Frank and Family)
†Josette Chavez Olive (Family)
†Albert and Josephine Lowe (sons)

Tuesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM—Vigil Mass ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

MIDNIGHT MASS ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord

7:30 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00 PM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

Thursday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Ashley Marquez and Tina Lucero
†Meaghan Carpenter (Family)

Friday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Ashley Marquez and Tina Lucero
†Meaghan Carpenter (Family)

8:15 AM †Marilorraine and Leonard Mussmann (Sharon Mussmann)
†Dante Menicucci (wife, Mary Menicucci)
♦In Thanksgiving to the Holy Mother and St. Francis Xavier (Jacqueline Little)

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 AM †Meaghan Carpenter (Family)
♦Intentions of Pam & Greg Schultz (Nunez Family)
♦Intentions of Ashley Marquez and Tina Lucero

5:30 PM †Jeanette Devoti (Christine Johnson & Coleen Davidson)
†Monsignor Francis X. Eggert (Nunez Family)
†John and Marguerite Armijo (Jake Armijo Family)

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM †Mike and Winifred Cenatiempo (Family)
†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)
†Fusako “Chiko” Jaramillo (Family)

10:00 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners
†Charles Pena (Diana Pena)
♦Intentions of David and Frances Holmes on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

12:00 PM †Margaret Mary Olona (Cathy Chavez)
†Jennie Hernandez (Dolores Hance)
†Margaret Storey (Family)

Please Note: Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.

12/23 Monday's Schedule:

- No Adoration
- 9:00 AM—Decorating the Church

12/24 Tuesday's Schedule: Parish Office Closed

- 4:00 PM -Children's Mass (3:30 PM Musical Prelude)
- 12:00 PM—Midnight Mass (11:00 PM Musical Prelude)

12/25 Wednesday's Schedule: Parish Office Closed

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

12/26 Thursday's Schedule:

- No Scheduled Activities

12/27 Friday's Schedule:

- No Scheduled Activities

12/28 Saturday's Schedule:

- 4:30 PM—Children's Choir Practice in Music Room

12/29 Sunday's Schedule:

- Coffee, donuts and burritos after the 7:30 AM and 10AM Masses in Fatima-Gallagher Hall.

Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Quotable Saints

“Consider what a dignity is ours, and what a likeness there is between us and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary conceived Christ in her womb, and we bear Him about in our hearts.” – St. Peter Damien

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Around the Archdiocese

Retrouvaille A lifeline for troubled marriages. Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a week-end experience, a series of 7 follow-up sessions over a three-month period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. The next program will be **February 7-9, 2020**, now in both English & Spanish. For more information or to register, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230. You can also find us on the Web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

BIRTHRIGHT, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, is looking for volunteers (Bilingual and English speaking—we especially need Spanish speaking volunteers). Volunteers are needed with mentoring clients or assisting at the front desk. If interested please call 505-262-2235 Monday thru Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

NMLB—No Man Left Behind: Reigniting Catholic Men Are you comfortable? You shouldn't be. As Catholic men we are not called to be comfortable—we are called to be challenged. Today, more than ever, men need to step up and be the men God has called us to be. Men by the thousands are losing their faith due to a lukewarm prayer life, addiction, and discouragement. It is time for all Catholic men to now God is calling each of us.

We are a group of men on a journey of self-improvement and in the pursuit of virtue. We seek these things in order to serve the Church, strengthen our marriages/relationships, and find meaning in our own lives. We will attain growth through prayer, fasting, ascetic practices, self-sacrifice, fraternity, and the study of The Ladder of Divine Ascent. Our Journey will begin on January 12, 2020 and will end Easter 2020.

Sanctity of Life Unity and Awareness Day Mass/March/Rally January 22, 2020 The annual Sanctity of Life Unity and Awareness Day Mass, with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico, will take place at 12 noon, **Wednesday, January 22** at the St. Francis Cathedral Basilica, Santa Fe. A prayer March to the Roundhouse and Rally will follow.

AACC Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass, January 19, 2020 Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community for Mass on **Sunday, January 19**, 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque. Rev. James Herring, O.Praem, Prior of the Immaculate Conception Priory (Middletown, DE) will be the presider. For more information call 505-836-3627.

Together With God, a suicide bereaved support group

We are looking for persons interested in possibly becoming a facilitator for *Together with God*, an 8-week adult suicide grief support group sponsored by the Archdiocese. Those interested must have experienced the suicide loss of a family member and we recommend at least two years have passed since the loss. Training in facilitation will occur after attending a condensed version of the group as a participant. Call Kay Hockey 505-353-2466 for more information



Priesthood Discernment Retreat

Have you or someone you know considered becoming a Catholic Priest? Without obligation, you are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat to learn more about a priestly vocation in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This is a weekend for single Catholic men, from high school seniors to age 50, to explore and learn about a life serving God and His Church as a Priest.

The weekend retreat will be held at the Madonna Retreat Center in Albuquerque next to St. Pius X High School. It will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31st, and end at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 2nd. There is no charge to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. John Trambley, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at 831-8143 or register online at <http://www.archdiosf.org/vocations>.



PLEASE NOTE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON MONDAYS DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE. MANY TIMES THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HAS BEEN LEFT UNATTENDED.

A warm

Welcome

to all our guests.

We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!!

New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?

Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 265-5868 to register.



Security Alert

Please remember to keep your vehicle locked while attending Mass, and do not leave purses, gifts, or any other temptations in view of potential thieves. If you are leaving a purse in the trunk of your vehicle, it is best to place it in the trunk when you leave home rather than wait until you arrive at the church parking lot. Unfortunately, some thieves have been known to watch the parking lot to see if women place their purses in the trunk. Then they know exactly which cars to break open the trunks. **Be smart and be safe!**

Please join us in Fatima-Gallagher Hall for coffee, donuts, burritos and conversation after the 7:30 and 10 AM Sunday Masses.



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

Christmas Season Mass Schedule



***Tuesday, December 24, 2019 –
Christmas Eve***

- *Note: No morning Masses today.*
- 4:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass with musical prelude beginning at 3:30 pm
- 12:00 am (Wednesday) Midnight Mass with a musical prelude that begins at 11:00 pm.



***Wednesday, December 25, 2019 –
Christmas Day***

- Masses at 7:30 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 Noon.



***Tuesday, December 31, 2019 –
New Year's Eve***

- Daily Mass at 6:30 am
- 5:30 pm – Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)



***Wednesday, January 1, 2020 –
New Year's Day***

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
(a Holy Day of Obligation)
at 7:30 am and 10:00 am
(NOTE: No 12:00 noon Mass)



Parish Office Closures

The Parish Office will be
closed on
Tuesday, December 24th,
Wednesday, December 25th,
and Wednesday, January 1st.

Come Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Decorating the church for Christmas
will take place at 9:00 am
on Monday, December 23rd.
Everyone is invited to come and help

A Christmas Message From the Pastor

"This day in David's city a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests."

—Luke 2:11-14

Throughout the season of Advent, we prepared ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. That preparation may have included setting aside extra time for prayer and going to Confession to make sure that one's heart might be a more welcome home for Jesus. Another part of that preparation might have included sending Christmas cards, baking cookies, making tamales, or decorating our homes. These activities, done with the right intention, are not mere formalities or superficial actions.

No. Rather they speak to the profound importance of what we celebrate today: the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Savior and True Light of the World. Our celebration today is not a mere repetition of what we have celebrated in previous years. Rather, we celebrate *anew* the birth of Jesus. That is because the birth of Jesus was not a singular event, but an ongoing mystery in which Jesus continues to be born, so to speak, more fully into our lives and hearts. Jesus continues to be born within us to bring us to a new and more complete life in Him. To bring healing if we are hurting in any way, and to bring greater comfort, peace, and joy.

Another reason to say that Jesus is born anew each year is that *we* are different. Another year has passed and we find ourselves in a different place in our lives. Hopefully the past year has brought spiritual growth and many blessings. It may also have brought trials, struggles, heartache and loss. Regardless, we are at a different point in our lives than we were before, and perhaps can recognize new ways in which we need the Lord in our lives. God, and God alone, fulfills every authentic yearning of the human heart. He provides life and peace, wholeness and love, contentment and joy that we so desperately need.

May the stars which shone so brightly on that first Christmas Eve bring the light of hope to our families; may the voices of the angels fill us with joy; and may the Holy Family fill our hearts with the love that only the Christ child can bring. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Father Stephen Schultz