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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.

January 3, 2021



Fr. John, Fr. Anthony, and I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation

for the many acts of kindness that we have received in the past few weeks. I am humbled by the thoughtfulness of so many people who sent cards, or brought over home-made cookies and other gifts. A special "thank-you" also to all those who donated baby diapers and baby clothing to our "Giving Tree" to support Birthright in their mission to provide for mothers who are in need of assistance. May the Lord's blessing be upon you throughout the new year.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. On this feast, we recall the gifts that the Magi brought to present to the infant Jesus – gold which signifies that he is a King, frankincense to signify that he is God, and myrrh, an ointment used to anoint the dead, to signify that he would suffer, die, and be buried in order to rise again for our salvation. The Church will conclude its observance of the Christmas season on Sunday, January 10th, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In these closing days of the Christmas season, I would invite you to ask yourself, "What gifts do I bring to the infant Jesus?" Perhaps it is helpful to recall the words of our Lord in Matthew 25:40, "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me." Let us take an honest look at how we make use of our time, talent, and treasure. Are we only interested in ourselves, or are we honestly seeking ways to help others, even (especially!) if it requires sacrifice on our part. The gift of ourselves that we give to others, is the gift that we lay before the infant Jesus. Is it a gift that we can be proud of?

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, let us resolve to ever-more-faithfully manifest Christ's presence in our world. We can do this by seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, by putting our time, talent, and treasure into the service of building up God's Kingdom, and by opening ourselves to the grace that comes from continued conversion.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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 through Friday ----- 6:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday ---- -8:15 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

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK----- --First Saturday after the
7:30 AM Mass or by request

OFFICE HOURS— Monday through Thursday- 8:00AM to 4:30 PM
Friday —8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
(Psalm 89)*



Monday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Odelia S. Beach— Happy Birthday (Elena Portillo)
♦Intentions of John Wich (James Wich)
†Patrick Josey (Mary Ann Hatchitt)

Tuesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Daniel Bertoni— Happy Birthday (Algemisson Family)
♦Intentions of Edward M. Kelly (Andrea Lujan)
†Peggy Notarianni (Aldo & Emma Vaio)

Wednesday, January 6, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:15 AM ♦All Special Intentions
♦Theresa Menicucci (Roberta Menicucci)
†Mario Menicucci (Roberta Menicucci)

Thursday, January 7, Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Brandon Jones & Andrea Staid (Family)

Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

6:30 AM †Faustino and Margaret Olguin (Mylo Moraga)

8:15 AM †Joseph Anthony Frias (Our Lady of Fatima Church and School Staff, Faculty & Students)

Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

7:30 AM ♦Intentions of Robbie Bordeau— Happy Birthday (Nunez Family)
†Barbara Moulds (Carol Yarnall)
†Isabella Abbott (Bob & Janie Armijo)

5:30 PM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners
♦Intentions of Rebecca Calderon— Happy Birthday (Family)
♦Intentions of Mary Menicucci (daughter, Mary)

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

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

10:00 AM †John Gordon (Carol Yarnall)
†Capt. Thomas J. Casey (Family)
♦Intentions of Louellen Baldoni (Ron & Jane Ross)

12:00 PM ♦Intentions of Dorothy B. Lobato— Happy Birthday (Elena Portillo)
♦Intentions of Henry Zachary (Our Lady of Fatima Church and School Staff, Faculty & Students)
†Archie Trujillo (Michael Martinez Family)

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6/Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4/Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mark 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 John 5:1-9/Mark 1:7-11

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.

Quotable Saints

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, a human being in God, God in a human being, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.”

— St. Peter Chrysologus ”

Reflections from a New Priest

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, my desire to respond to the universal call to holiness through the Catholic priesthood was confirmed by the Church through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency, The Most Reverend John C. Wester, the Catholic Archbishop of Santa Fe, NM. I am grateful to God, and the Catholic Church for this precious gift and privilege to serve as “another Christ” among the People of God.

Before and especially during my canonical retreat for my priestly ordination, I have been asking myself the question, “What is the Catholic priesthood for me?” I fully believe it is a *means* and not an *end*. It is one of the many means *to know* God, *to love* God, *to serve* God and his people, and *to be happy* with God forever and ever.

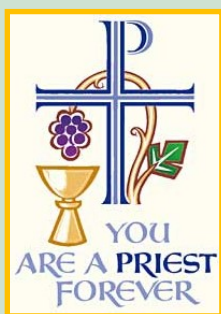
It is an enormous blessing to be able to celebrate the sacraments. Being “another Christ” makes me humble, and consequently, I have chosen: “He humbled Himself” (Philippians 2:8) as my priestly motto. It is my prayer that humility remains the shining lamp of my priestly life and ministry.

While I was able to celebrate this extraordinary and joyous event with my friends and colleagues, there was a touch of sadness to the day as well. I felt the absence of my beloved parents, Joseph and Veronica, who influenced my priestly vocation, and longed to see my priestly ordination but have gone to be with the Lord. And I missed my siblings, who longed to attend my priestly ordination but could not because of the global pandemic.

I am grateful to those who have become my family and friends here. I am appreciative of all those who have helped me in discerning the will of God for me and those who have contributed in so many ways to make my priestly ordination a success. Thank you, and may God bless you for your prayers and support.

A special thanks to our pastor, Very Reverend Stephen Schultz, for recommending me for priestly ordination, and for being a good mentor for me; may God bless you and reward you. Please pray for me to be faithful and fulfilled in my vocation; and be assured of my prayers too.

Reverend Anthony Ezeaputa



Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 18th, 2021**, for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday .

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things
and I desire to receive you

in my soul. Since I cannot at

this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.



Please keep our sick parishioners
and their caregivers in your
prayers.

Prayer for Healing:

Loving and compassionate God,
when your Son walked this earth

he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured
those afflicted with every disease.

We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for
those who are ill.

Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those
held bound by infirmity.

Through the power of your healing love,
free from every disease and suffering
those who are beset by poor health.

Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and as-
sist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they
effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all
whom they treat.

Amen.

**CHOOSING TO BELONG -
ARE YOU A REGISTERED
PARISHIONER?**

Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure is an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community.

Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of our parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility.

Registration is about belonging. It is about choosing a community with which to practice everything you believe about God, about the church and about faith. Registering in the Parish also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation.

We welcome anyone who wants to share in the life of our Parish regardless of where they live. While the Archdiocese is divided into parish geographical areas, you have the option of choosing another parish according to your personal preferences.

If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please stop by the parish office or call 265-5868 and we will send you a registration form.



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January Happenings

Monday 1/4

- *CCD meeting 6:30 PM (on-line)*

Wednesday 1/6

- *RCIA meeting 6:30 PM (on-line)*

Sunday 1/10

- *High School Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Classes 11:00 AM*

Monday 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- *Parish Office and School Closed*

Wednesday 1/20

- *RCIA meeting (on-line)*

Sunday 1/24 High School Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Classes

- *Catholic Schools week begins*

Wednesday 1/27

- *RCIA meeting (on-line)*

Year –End Contribution Statements

Year-end contribution statements will soon be mailed to all parishioners who contributed a total of \$50 or more to Our Lady of Fatima Parish in 2020. This would include donations made to St. Vincent de Paul, Fatima School Support (not including tuition), and other second collections.

Please contact Ryn at the Parish Office if you have not received your statement by the end of January. If your total donations for 2020 were less than \$50 and you would like a copy of your contribution statement, it may be requested from Ryn at the parish office.

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

2021 Parish Calendars Are Available

The 2021 Parish Calendars are available at the Parish Office.

The calendars are offered to our parishioners free of charge while they last, but we ask that you please limit yourselves to one calendar per household.



PREVENT THEFT



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 before 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. They know exactly which cars to break open the trunks.

Be smart and be safe!

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.

We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Amen.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary Martha Faussonne

Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

Requiescat in Pace



ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Church and School can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about mailing in tithes. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like.

Visit osvhub.com/fatimachurchabq/funds to see how easy it is! You can also use your smartphone to take a picture of the QR Code on the right and it will automatically link to the web address.

*If you have become a recurring donor and do not wish to receive paper envelopes through the mail please call the parish office at #505-265-5868.



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