


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.



July 18, 2021

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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*A note
from the pastor*



Jesus was often surrounded by crowds. They followed him through the countryside and gathered around him in

the cities. They pushed their way into homes where he was staying. In one instance, they even tore away the roof tiles to reach him that he might cure a paralytic.

For the most part, the people who followed him were not the powerful – not the wealthy and elite. They were just ordinary people, longing for someone to help them, to heal them, to bring them the Good News. Someone simply to love them. Their longing must have been intense, for we are told several times in the Gospels that Jesus needed to withdraw from them to a quiet place to pray. Their demands for his attention drained Jesus to the point of exhaustion.

But Jesus doesn't see them as demanding. He sees into their hearts, and he understands. They are "troubled and abandoned" (Matthew 9:36). Troubled by what? Abandoned by whom? Certainly, the times in which they lived were difficult, to say the least. Many lived at a subsistence level, barely able to survive on what little resources they had, and others were even more destitute. The Jewish homeland was occupied by Roman soldiers, who were all-powerful and often brutal in how they treated the local Jewish population. The Roman tax system was oppressive and corrupt, with tax collectors able to overcharge people for their taxes and then pocket the difference. The religious leaders were powerless to resist the oppressors, and some openly collaborated with them to preserve their own sense of authority and prestige.

Given these circumstances, it is no wonder that the people felt troubled and abandoned. But Jesus seems to respond to something deeper, something that may be found in our own hearts as well. Human empires come and go, but sin and death persist and oppress us. The crowds longed for a leader to guide them – a true shepherd who would care for them as a shepherd cares for the sheep entrusted to him.

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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

ANOIDNTING 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

Become a volunteer! See our list of church ministries on Page 5.



“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”
~Psalm 23



Monday, July 19, Weekday

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Karen Chavez (August & Reina Chavez)
 †Karl Lentz (Family)

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Sandra Winter-Happy Birthday
 (Nunez Family)
 ♦Special Intention (Gongora Family)

Tuesday, July 20, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 AM †All Souls in Purgatory (August & Reina Chavez)
 †Shondel and ♦Intentions of the John Wise Family
 (Gongora Family)

Wednesday, July 21, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Melinda Mader-Happy Birthday
 (Nunez Family)
 ♦Intentions of Deacon Chuck Navarrete– Happy Birthday
 (Our Lady of Fatima Church and School, Faculty, Staff
 and Students)

Thursday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

6:30 AM †Shirley A. Schultz
 ♦Intentions of Cathy Chavez (Family)

Friday, July 23, Saint Bridget, Religious

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Rebecca Pacheco– Happy Birthday
 (Nunez Family)
 †Maria Magdalena Archuleta (Erazmo Garza)
 ♦Intentions of Cathy Chavez (Family)

Saturday, July 24, Saint Sharbel Makhlüf, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM †Carlos Gilbert Baca (Nunez Family)
 †Rudolfo Lujan Baca (Edward M. Kelly)
 ♦Intentions of Leonard & Jean Ann DeLayo
 – Wedding Anniversary
 (Algermissen & Jourdan Families)

5:30 PM †Carlos Gilbert Baca (wife, Gloria I. Chavez-Baca)
 ♦Living and †Deceased Members of the Calderon Family
 †Maria del Rosario Jurado (Nunez Family)

Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM †Jeanette Devoti (husband, Frank & Family)
 †Mary Kratsas (Sally Morris)
 ♦Intentions of Mary Lou Martinez (Nunez Family)

12:00 PM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners
 †Margaret Mary Olona (Cathy Chavez)
 †Bob Hawley (Lena Hawley)

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 19-

10:00am- Mass at Manzano Del Sol Nursing Home

Tuesday, July 20-

6:30pm- Finance Council Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, July 25-

11:00am– SVDP meeting in room 1 of FGH.

Monday, July 26-

10:00am– Mass at Morada Senior Living

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

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6/Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 2:13-18/Mark 6:30-34

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18/Exodus 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Exodus 14:21—15:1/Exodus 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/Psalms 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Exodus 20:1-17/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: Exodus 24:3-8/Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44/Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Ephesians 4:1-6/John 6:1-1

Quotable Saints

“My Lord Jesus, you do all your works
 out of true and ineffable love.”
 – St. Bridget of Sweden”

School will be back in session soon and our Religious education classes will be starting in just a few short months!

Keep your eyes open for future announcements in the bulletin and on our parish website about meeting times, class schedules and fees!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now. As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Thoughts on Stewardship

Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to make a conscious determination of what we are doing with our time, our talent, and our treasure.



Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

- Sarah Martinez
- Vidalia Chavez

We are blessed that you have joined our parish family.

Angels

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see. As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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ONLINE GIVING IS 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.



This is a QR-Code
(Quick Response
Code)

How is God Calling you to Serve?

Each one of us has been given a unique set of gifts which are integral for the Church to fulfill its purpose here on earth. Participating in a church ministry at Our Lady of Fatima is a great way to share your talents, make a positive impact in the church community and develop closer relationships with the members of your parish. If you are interested in working with others to bring Christ's light to the world, call the parish office at (505)265-5868 to volunteer for one of our ministries.

Altar Servers-

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.

Birthright-

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.

Blessed Mother Rosary Guild-

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-

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

Coffee and Donuts-

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

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors-

As extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist you can distribute Holy Communion during Mass. As a Lector, you can proclaim the Word of God, General Intercessions and announcements.

Greeters-

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

Grotto Keepers-

Meets monthly for landscaping maintenance in the grotto areas.

Holy Name Society-

The Society's 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-

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

Ministry of Care/Outreach-

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

Parish Council -

President: Barbara Posler;

Vice-President: Roger Martinez; *Secretary:* Joann Lucero;

Members: Gloria Hernandez, Stephen Jimenez, Carlos Pacheco, Jeff Reed, Gertrude Vicenti, LaVonne Yazzie (one vacancy). Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Dining Room.

School Consultative Council (SCC)

School Consultative Council Members help to safeguard the future of the school. We particularly need council members who have experience in marketing, technology and grant writing.

St. Vincent de Paul-

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

Ushers-

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

Women's Guild-

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.

***All participants must have a background check and current VIRTUS Certificate on file in the Parish Office.**

As Catholics, we have been given a mission to grow the Church.

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It is no wonder, then, that Jesus looked to the crowds and “his heart was moved with pity for them” (Mark 6:34). For what is troubling them is the power of sin in their lives. And that is what troubles us as well. It is the very reason why Jesus came into the world – to free us from the chains of sin and death by his own death and Resurrection. It is the very reason he calls us to repentance and offers us forgiveness of our sins.

It is not popular to talk about sin today. We can offer excuses, rationalize our actions and blame our circumstances. But Jesus sees sin for what it is and calls it out. It is sin that distorts the image of God within us, and keeps us from living as God intended. It leaves us troubled and abandoned, as it did the crowds of long ago, often without even knowing why.

Jesus could have looked at the crowds and condemned them, for some, no doubt, were simply looking for a “quick fix” to their problems. Instead, he was moved to pity. How humbling to know that God holds us in his heart and has such great concern for us, even when we so often fail to live up to his law. Just as God holds us in his heart, let us also hold God in our own heart, repenting from sin and seeking to truly live the Good News!



Baptizing a child-

Parishioners who are planning to baptize a child or may be acting as godparents for another couple should call the parish office as soon as possible so you can schedule a time to complete the pre-baptism instruction which is required by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The certificate you will receive after completing the class is valid for two years from the date of completion.

Notice for Engaged Couples:

Engaged couples registered in our parish are reminded that they should contact Fr. Schultz at least six months before their proposed wedding date. This is to ensure sufficient time for preparation for Marriage.



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!**



Our Lady of Fatima School is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have considered the benefits of giving your child or grandchild a Catholic education in a safe, nurturing environment, that encourages academic excellence, please contact our principal, Ms. Melinda Mader, for more information about Our Lady of Fatima School and to arrange a personalized visit.

The school office may be reached at (505)255-6391.



*You will fall in love with our little
school with a big heart!*

Our Lady of Fatima School is looking to fill positions for: a part-time Physical Education teacher, Athletic Director and Middle School Math and Language Arts teacher. Interested candidates should contact the principal at mader@fatimaschoolabq.com or call the school office.



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Courtesy Before and After Mass

Please be courteous to others attending Mass by limiting the talking before and after Mass in Church and speaking, when necessary, at a lower volume. Many people are praying in the church before and after Mass, and it is very distracting to them when a lot of talking is going on. Please be respectful and try to limit social conversation to outside the church.



Thank you for your cooperation.