

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.



March 6, 2022

Gospel Meditation

From the Gospel of Luke 4:1-13

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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

ANOINTING 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

Lenten and Easter Schedule on page 4.



“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”
~ Psalm 91



Monday, March 7, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Dolores Hance

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Felicia Gurule (Family)
♦Intentions of Bobby Lopez (Ed Lopez)

Tuesday, March 8, Saint John of God, Religious

6:30 AM †Jose and Lily Armijo (Armijo Family)
†Richard and Rita Rael (Posler-Long Family)

Wednesday, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Donna Eldredge (Our Lady of Fatima School Faculty, Staff and Students)
♦Intentions of Mary Beane (Armijo Family)

Thursday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Jimmy Russo (Armijo Family)

Friday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

8:15 AM ♦Intentions of Raymond Perovich– Happy Birthday (Richard Perovich)
♦Intentions of Felicia Gurule (Family)

6:30 PM *Stations of the Cross and Confessions in the Church*

Saturday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM ♦Intentions Of Deeana Sanchez Carrillo– Happy Birthday (Nunez Family)

5:30 PM ♦Intentions of All Parishioners
†Richard Douglas Moreno
†Pietro Giacomelli (Gloria DiGangi Garcia)

Sunday, March 13, Second Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 AM ♦Living & †Deceased members of the Barbara LeBow Family)
†Robert and William Sanchez (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)
†Danielle Marquez (Auntie Marquez)

12:00 PM †Omar Gonzales (Gurule Family)
†Antonio Filiberto Chavez
†Richard Irvin



Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Romans 10:8-13/Luke 4:1-13

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Luke 9:28b-36



**Welcome! Welcome!
Welcome!**

- Ignacio and Nancy Treviso
- Mary Bolton-Chavez

**We are blessed that you have joined
our parish family.**

Quotable Saints

“ *Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything.*

-St. Vincent Pallotti

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2022 Lent, Holy Week and **Easter** Schedule



+Every Friday, March 4, 2022 through April 8, 2022

No Soup Suppers this year because of the pandemic. All parishioners are invited for Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 PM on the following dates:
03/04/22, 03/11/22, 03/18/22, 03/25/22, 04/01/22, 04/08/22.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available during the Stations of the Cross.

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Saturdays from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (except April 16, 2022)

Fridays during Lent from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM during Stations of the Cross (except April 15, 2022)

+Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Mass and distribution of Palms on Saturday (04-09-22) at 5:30 PM Mass and Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM

CRS RICE Bowls are due

+Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

6:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 PM

+Good Friday, April 15, 2022

–Parish Office and School Closed

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross in Church

– Begin Divine Mercy Novena in Church

6:00 PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

– Good Friday Collection to support the Holy Land

+Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

10:00 AM – Rehearsal for Candidates and Catechumens of RCIA

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Novena in Church

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass

No Confessions on Holy Saturday

+Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Mass of the Resurrection 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM

The Holy Name Society will be distributing Easter gift bags of candy to children after the 10:00 AM Mass.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Novena in Church

+April 15 through April 23, 2022

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+Sunday, April 24, 2022, Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturday (04-23-22) and on Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

1:00 PM-First Communion Retreat and rehearsal for students, parents and godparents. Starts with 12:00 PM Mass until 4:00 PM (Lunch provided).

+Sunday, May 1, 2022, Third Sunday of Easter

Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturday (04-30-22)

Mass on Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM (FIRST COMMUNION MASS) and 12:00 Noon

+Tuesday, May 3, 2022, Our Lady of Fatima High School Confirmation Mass with St. Charles Borromeo and St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish Confirmandi.

6:00 PM Mass

+Wednesday, May 4, 2022, May Crowning of Mary at 8:15 AM Mass



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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: Roger Martinez;

Vice-President: Jeff Reed; *Secretary:* Joann Lucero;

Members: Janie Armijo, Bruce Fradette, Cecelia Horner, Steven Jimenez, Samantha Martinez, Richard Royman, Gertrude Vicenti. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

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.**

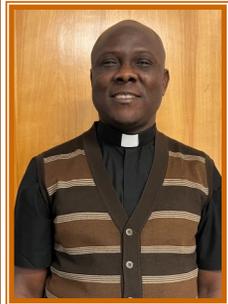
As Catholics, we have been given a mission to grow the Church.

Congratulations Fr. Anthony Ezeaputa



Fr. Ezeaputa has been appointed as pastor to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Pena Blanca, NM and will begin his ministry there effective immediately. Fr. Ezeaputa came to Our Lady of Fatima Parish as a transitional Deacon in June of 2020. He was ordained as a priest on December 19, 2020 at the hands of Archbishop John Wester and has served as the Parochial Vicar to Our Lady of Fatima Parish. We wish him well in his new assignment. Fr. Anthony received very little notice of his move and was not able to say goodbye publicly. He may be contacted at PO BOX 1270, Pena Blanca, NM 87041. Congratulations Fr. Anthony Ezeaputa!

Welcome Fr. Edward Okpu



Fr. Edward Azibapu Okpu, pronounced Okbu, has been named as Fr. Anthony's replacement as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Fr. Okpu was born in Nigeria on April 28, 1974. He was ordained a priest in the Bomadi Diocese by Bishop Hyacinth Egbebo (MSP) on July 23, 2011. In Nigeria he served as pastor for 9 years. During that time, he spent 3 years as Chancellor and Director of Pontifical Missions. We are pleased to have him here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Welcome Fr. Okpu!

Our last Synodal meeting will be held in-person on March 9, 2022 in FGH Gym from 6:30 to 8:30PM. All interested persons, regardless of religious affiliation or participation, are invited to attend. Pre-registration is not required.



From Wednesday, March 2nd through Sunday, April 10th, our pro-life community in Albuquerque will unite with cities across America and around the world for a massive, coordinated, pro-life mobilization. This is an effort to bring together people of all faiths to pray for an end to the loss of pre-born human life and for the healing of those affected by abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- 40 Days of prayer & fasting
- 40 days of peaceful vigil
- 40 days of public witness

A prayer campaign for those who respect the dignity of all human life and strive for justice for the poorest, most vulnerable, and the least of God's children— the pre-born.

Join us for peaceful prayer between 7 am and 7 pm daily at this location:

Planned Parenthood abortion facility
701 San Mateo Blvd. NE in Albuquerque

For more information visit us at www.40daysforlife.com
You can also send an email to Rachel at vp@defendinglife.org or call Project Defending Life at 505-266-4100.

Join Our Lady of Fatima on the 4th Tuesday of the month after the 6:30 AM Mass to pray the Holy Rosary for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood on San Mateo Blvd. NE.



70th Annual Brother Mathias Barrett St. Patrick's Day Celebration of Faith and Service



Join us **ONLINE** for the festivities at gscnm.org
March 17th, 2021
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Now Accepting Sponsorships and Donations
All Proceeds Benefit the Good Shepherd Center, a St. John of God Ministry

For more information visit www.gscnm.org

Or call 505-249-6416



Birthright International is a pro-life crisis pregnancy center and is

looking for volunteers to mentor clients or assist with the front desk. If interested, please call 505-262-2235 Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Due to Covid, we will not be having our carnation fundraiser this year. However, all donations are appreciated and go to our pregnant mothers and their babies. Thank you for your on-going support.