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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.

February 12, 2023



Today's First Reading comes from the Book of Sirach in the Old Testament (Sirach 15:15-20), and it offers the Jewish people advice on how to live their lives in a manner worthy of God, and make the choice between good and evil. This same principal would later be stated multiple times by Saint Paul when he would encourage the early Christian communities to live in a manner worthy of the call (Baptism) they have received. This principal appears in Ephesians 4:1, Philippians 1:27, Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:12, and 2 Thessalonians 1:11, so it is well- documented. While Sirach respected the free will of the Jewish people to choose, he specifically tells them the right way to act. Then he goes on to describe the consequences, for better or for worse, of their decisions. If they choose to keep God's commandments they will be saved. Trust in God and they will live. Choose death over life and they will get death in return. Choose evil over good and they will receive evil. Whatever they choose will be given back to them. This same principal was later emphasized by Jesus himself when he said "... the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you..." as found in Matthew 7:2, Mark 4:24, and Luke 6:38.

But why should the people believe Sirach? They know how hard it is to trust God whom they cannot see, even though God had continuously demonstrated a covenant fidelity toward his Chosen People throughout their history. God had always been faithful to his people, yet they still struggled in being faithful to God. Maybe this reminds us a little bit of ourselves! Evil can be very attractive, but Sirach encouraged the people of his time to choose the right way by saying that God is wise, powerful, and understanding. Sirach laid it out before the people of his time, and it is laid before us still today – God gives life. Evil brings death. Choose life!

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 4:30PM
Friday - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please make a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, see page 3 for more information.



"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!" ~ Psalm 119



Monday, February 13, Weekday

6:30am †Jose and Lily Armijo (Armijo Family)

8:15am †Rose Marie Moya

Tuesday, February 14, Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

6:30am ♦Intentions of Andrea Westinichy-Happy Birthday
(Richard Perovich)

†Arturo and Helen Ortiz (Connie & Ray)

Wednesday, February 15, Weekday

6:30am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

8:15am ♦Special Intention

†Scott Chmura (mom, Casie)

†Jose and Lily Armijo (Armijo Family)

Thursday, February 16, Weekday

6:30am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Friday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:30am †Charlie Villa (Nunez Family)

8:15am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Saturday, February 18, Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Anticipatory Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm ♦Intentions of Rosemarie Jewell & Rose & Abran Sanchez
(Gutierrez Family)

†Mary Kellovich

†Elizabeth Anne Josey

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)

†Fusako "Chiko" Jaramillo (Family)

10:00am ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

†Msgr. Francis Xavier Eggert (John & Angie Costello)

†Luz Echavez Richardson

12:00pm †Frances Lopez (Family)

†Mercedes Vergara (Lena Hawley)

†Chuck Cooper (Dolores Hance)

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 15:15-20/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Corinthians 2:6-10/Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13/Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalms 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-7/Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mark 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Corinthians 3:16-23/Matthew 5:38-48

Schedule of Events

Monday, February 13-

10:00am-Mass at Morada Senior Center

3:30-4:20pm-Legion of Mary meeting in POOR

Tuesday, February 14-

6:30pm- SCC meeting via zoom

Wednesday, February 15-

6:30pm- RCIA in FGH Room 1

Thursday, February 16-

10-11:30am- Sharon's Bible Corner in FGH Room 1

6:30pm- Choir practice in Church

Friday, February 17-

School Closed for Teacher In-Service

Sunday, February 19-

11:00am- Holy Name Society meeting in FGH Room 1

Monday, February 20- Presidents Day

Paris Office Closed/School Closed

10:00am-Mass at Manzano del Sol

No Legion of Mary meeting

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

As we begin a new year, let us take some time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

Quotable Saints

“A good heart as well as a soul inflamed with clarity can do nothing but good and holy works.”
– St. Angela Merici

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**Our Lady of Fatima's Holy Name Society
Invites Men of the Parish to Attend
The 7th Annual Men's Retreat**
An interactive and reflective program

"I have chosen you, it was not you who chose me."
John 15:16

Saturday, February 25th, 2023

We will begin with Mass at 7:30am in the Church and then gather in Fatima-Gallagher Hall until 1:00pm.

\$25.00/per person with lunch provided.

Retreat Speaker: Deacon Timoteo Lujan on the topic of "The Church as Servant", the mission of all the baptized to serve as Christ came to serve.

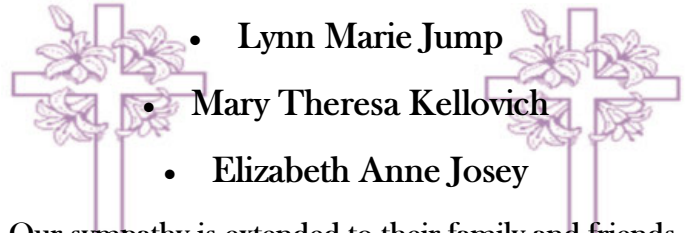
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Our Lady of Fatima Holy Name Society
Contact Joseph Tapia or Marcus Garcia
Or call the Parish Office at 505-265-5868.



"LORD, I THANK YOU FOR NEVER GIVING UP ON US."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of



- Lynn Marie Jump
- Mary Theresa Kellovich
- Elizabeth Anne Josey

Our sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

Requiescat in Pace

Saint of the Week

Blessed Brother James Miller, martyred in Guatemala at age 37, was born September 21, 1944, in Wisconsin. Ordained to the Lasallian Christian Brothers in 1969, his first assignment was as a teacher at Cretin High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. During the three years he was there he taught Religion, English, Spanish, and coached the school's soccer and football teams. Despite his success at Cretin, his deepest desire was to serve the poorest of the poor as a missionary educator.

Eventually the Lasallians sent him to Nicaragua where he served for 19 years. During his time in the country, he supervised the construction of ten new rural schools, helped build an industrial arts and vocational complex, and worked with the Nicaraguan Somoza government on education initiatives. During his time as director of a school in Puerto Cabezas he increased the school's population of students from 300 to 800!

In 1979, when the Sandinistas revolution began in Nicaragua, the Lasallians recalled him to the United States for his own safety. Despite his displeasure at this reassignment, he returned to Cretin High School in St. Paul as a teacher but longed to go back to the mission field, writing to his superiors, "I am anxious to return to Latin America." By 1981 his order would grant his request and send him to a new country, Guatemala, where he taught English, Religion, and Guatemalan art to secondary students at a Lasallian Brothers school in Huehuetenango. He also established relationships with local families, often the poorest of the poor, teaching job and leadership skills to native adults.

On the afternoon of February 13, 1982, while out fixing a school fence post, Brother James Miller was murdered. He was shot several times by three men and died instantly in broad daylight in plain view of many of his students. His assassins were never caught. Some claim his murder may have been because of his order's work to prevent the government from illegally and forcibly conscripting native men into the military. His death came during a time when other priests and religious figures were also being assassinated in Guatemala. The Brother James Miller Fund was established after his death to continue his work for the poor and oppressed and in 2018, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing Brother Miller as a martyr.



Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

- ♦ Patrick and Alisa Illescas and their son, Oliver
- ♦ John and Linsey Gabaldon
- ♦ Andrew Moritz

We are blessed that you have joined our parish family.



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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.

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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: 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.

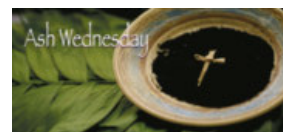
Annual Catholic Appeal – 2023 Campaign has Begun!

Recently, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe mailed out a letter from Archbishop Wester and a pledge form for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Campaign. This mail-out went to every family in the Archdiocese who has made an ACA pledge in the past three years. Remember that the ACA is **not** the tithing we do for the support of our own parish in the Sunday offertory. The renewal of tithing takes place in November. In February, we are all asked to make a commitment pledge to the ACA which supports many of the ministries of the Archdiocese, including the costs associated with the education and spiritual formation of our seminarians preparing for the priesthood and many other ministries such as religious education, hospital ministry, ministry to the disabled, TV Mass, Catholic Radio, the Marriage Tribunal to reduce the cost of an annulment and so on. If you have received the pledge form by mail, you may fill it out and return it in the envelope provided or place it in the Sunday offertory deposit box. If you did not receive a pledge form by mail, additional copies are located in the pews and at the doors of the church. Our assigned goal for the 2023 ACA Campaign is \$38,000. This is actually a smaller amount than last year's goal. Every pledge is important in helping us to meet or exceed our assigned goal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is **not** part of the Chapter 11 reorganization that was filed by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in December, 2018. The ACA is separately incorporated and **funding from your pledge is not available for legal claims**. The ACA remains a significant source of funding for ministries, programs, and services of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

*Be part of the church after your lifetime.
Remember the church in your will.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. There will be three Masses with distribution of Ashes that day, at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, and 5:30 pm. The distribution of ashes will take place after the homily. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) with distribution of ashes at 12:10 pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound by the rule of fasting. This means consuming only one full meal on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted, as necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted, unless a small amount of food is needed for taking medications. Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays during Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting and abstinence are intended to be penitential in nature – a sacrificial action in atonement for sin. Fasting and abstinence also enables us, in some small way, to stand in solidarity with the poor who may be affected by food insecurity.



The Parish Office and Fatima School will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of the President's Day holiday.

Daily Mass will still be held at 6:30am and 8:15am.



Our Lady of Fatima School Registration

Our Lady of Fatima School has begun accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 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 for a personalized visit. The school office may be reached at #255-6391.



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