

# 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.*

April 16, 2023



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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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

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

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



Today the Church observes Divine Mercy Sunday. The central focus is our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and the floodgates of God's mercy being opened upon us, and is based both on Scripture and the revelations made to Saint Faustina Kowalska.

In today's Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9), Peter says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." Pope Saint John Paul II instituted this feast day into the Church calendar during the Mass for the canonization of Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska to sainthood. In his homily, the Holy Father said: "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' In the various readings of today's Mass, the liturgy indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that 'man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Mt 5:7)' (*Dives in misericordia*, n. 14).

That mercy is easily seen in the many healing miracles recalled in the Gospels. In each one, whether physical or spiritual, the power of Christ to renew, forgive, and heal bursts into the life of someone and, at times, even turns upside down the very laws of nature.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31), that specific ministry of forgiveness and mercy is passed to the disciples, when Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them..." This is Divine Mercy!

When Thomas, broken and distraught at the death of Jesus cannot, or will not, bring himself to accept the Resurrection, Jesus gently takes him from obstinate refusal to a graced moment of faith. He coaxes from Thomas one of the great confessions of faith: "My Lord and my God!" At that moment, Thomas is healed and changed - healed of his grief and pain, and changed from doubt to belief. This is Divine Mercy.

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*"Jesus, I trust in You!"*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting." ~Psalm 118*

**Monday, April 17, Easter Weekday**

**6:30am** ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian & Eduardo Pineda & Families  
(Alvarado Pineda Family)  
†Fr. Edward Okpu (Armijo Family)

**8:15am** †Orlando L. Calderon (Family)

**Tuesday, April 18, Easter Weekday**

**6:30am** ♦Intentions of Very Reverend Rick Zerwas-Happy Birthday  
(Carol Yarnall)  
♦Intentions of Mrs. Deprest and the 3rd & 4th grade  
students of Our Lady of Fatima School (Vicenti Family)

**Wednesday, April 19, Easter Weekday**

**6:30am** †John and Margarite Armijo (Armijo Family)  
♦Intentions of Fr. Jorejedy Konkala-Happy 13th Ordination  
Anniversary

**8:15am** ♦Special Intention  
♦Intentions of Mrs. Mader (Thankful OLF Families)  
†Lizzy McCarty  
(OLF Church and School Faculty, Staff & Students)

**Thursday, April 20, Easter Weekday**

**6:30am** †Rev. Alberto Avella (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)  
†Fr. Edward Okpu (Armijo Family)

**Friday, April 21, Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**6:30am** †Cristobal and Ann Baca (Baca Family)  
†Fr. Edward Okpu (Vicenti Family)

**8:15am** †Winifred and Mike Cenatiempo

**Saturday, April 22, Easter Weekday**

**7:30am** †Kathryn Long (Posler-Long Family)  
♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima 3rd grade students who are  
making their First Holy Communion (Vicenti Family)

**Anticipatory Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter**

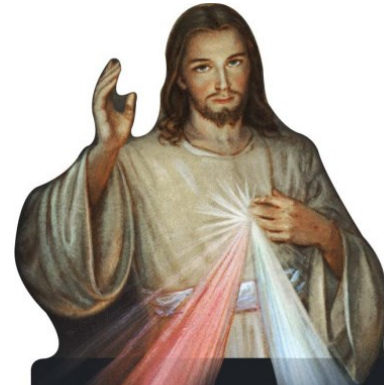
**5:30pm** †Marge and Ed Seubert  
†Rev. Alberto Avella-Martinez (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)  
♦Intentions of Greg and Gina Joyner

**Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter**

**7:30am** †Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)  
†Fusako "Chiko" Jaramillo (Family)  
†Anne Josey (Carla Fedor & Family)

**10:00am** †Minnie and Teofilo Vigil (Joe Vigil)  
†Martin and Madge Costello (John & Angie Costello)  
†Fr. Mark Schultz (John & Angie Costello)

**12:00pm** ♦Intentions of All Parishioners  
†James Willis  
†John Anthony Glotzbach (James & Rebecca Gross)



*O Blood and Water  
which gushed forth  
from the Heart of Jesus  
as a font of Mercy for us,  
I trust in You.  
Amen.*

**Readings for the week of April 16, 2023**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Psalms 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/John 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/John 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/John 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/John 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/John 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Peter 1:17-21/Luke 24:13-35

**Quotable Saints**

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*“O Lord, may your luminous truth lead me  
and make me walk in your presence sincerely,  
with a perfect heart.”*

– St. Gertrude the Great

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## 2023 Easter Schedule



### +Sunday, April 16, 2023, Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday (04-15-23 Anticipatory) and on Sunday (04-16-23) at 7:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm  
11:00am-1:00pm—(Year 1) Youth Confirmation Class in FGH RM 1

1:00pm—First Communion Retreat and Rehearsal for students, parents and godparents. Begins with 12:00pm Mass until 4:00pm (Lunch provided)

### +Sunday, April 23, 2023, Third Sunday of Easter

Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday (4-22-23 Anticipatory)

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

11:00 AM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Room 1



### +Thursday, April 20, 2023, Our Lady of Fatima Youth Confirmation Mass with St. Charles Borromeo and St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish Confrmandi.

6:00pm—Mass

### +Sunday, April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00am-1:00pm—Final class for (Year 1) Youth Confirmation Class in FGH RM 1

### +Wednesday, May 3, 2023, May Crowning of Mary at the 8:15am Mass



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## **Saint of the Week**

### **St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16**

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmiry assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

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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.**

**A Note from the Pastor**

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The need for those gifts of mercy and healing is as great today as it was in apostolic times, as Pope Saint John Paul II noted. Without it we are lost – still in our sins, unable to be reconciled with God. So as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, let us each open our hearts to those gifts and then commit ourselves to be conduits of them to others. This is Divine Mercy!



**The third-grade students from Our Lady of Fatima School will be receiving First Holy Communion at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, April 23, 2023.**



### **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 (505)265-5868 and we will send you a registration form.

### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**



Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil  
spirits, who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
**Amen.**



**Youth to Receive  
Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**The eligible youth of our parish in 9th through 12th grades will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 6:00pm Mass on April 20, 2023.**

### **How To Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

#### **Optional Opening Prayers:**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. *(Repeat 3 times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

#### **Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed For each of the five decades**

*(On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)*

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

*(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### **Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### **Optional Closing Prayer**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

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## **Congratulations!**

Last month, eleven students from Our Lady of Fatima School participated in the 2023 Central NM STEM Research Challenge (Regional Science Fair). Like many Catholic Scientists before them our students conducted research, used the scientific method to answer a question, worked hard and explored new worlds.

We would like to congratulate the students who were selected to participate at the regional level: Angelica and Teryk (8th grade), Damian and Kaylee (7th grade), Logan and Lily (6th grade), Vanessa and Noah (5th grade) and Allison, Lilly and Maria (4th grade).

