

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 2, 2023



This past Thursday, we celebrated the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. We have an opportunity here to take a closer look at the two most dynamic and influential saints of the early Church, and of all time. Their feast is celebrated together because both Peter and Paul traveled to spread Christianity to Rome where they were both martyred.

It would be hard to find two individuals who differed more. Peter was a common worker, a fisherman, with no formal education as best as we can tell. He responded to Jesus' call to follow and then stumbled his way through the Lord's public life, and beyond. In doing so he revealed his human weakness, but also revealed the grace of God at work in him.

In the middle of a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 14:28-31), Jesus walked on water approaching the boat containing his disciples. Peter had faith enough to step out of the boat and walk on water himself to meet Jesus, but then he thought about what he was doing, focused on himself instead of on Jesus and began to drown. That's why Jesus scolded him as one of little faith.

And yet, later, in chapter 16 of the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 16:13-19), when Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was, Peter was inspired by the Heavenly Father, recognized that Jesus was the Messiah, and professed his faith to the Lord by declaring: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus responded by declaring that he would build his Church upon this rock and that Peter would have the keys to the Kingdom. Yet immediately after this event, when Jesus made the first of his three announcements regarding his coming passion and death, Peter tried to persuade him not to pursue this path, and Jesus had to respond by saying "Get behind me, you satan."

Peter made another profession of faith in John chapter 6. Jesus repeatedly told his disciples that "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you will have no life within you." Many of the followers left Jesus because they could not accept this teaching. Yet when Jesus turned to Peter and asked if he was going to leave as well, Peter responded, "Lord, to whom would we go. You have the words of everlasting life!"

We have those wonderful and terrible scenes involving Peter during the last twenty-four hours of the Lord's life on earth. At the Last Supper in the Gospel of John (John 13:5-17), Jesus performs a prophetic act and washes the feet of the disciples. Jesus wanted to give them an example of serving others and encourage them to do the same. When Jesus got to Peter, Peter said, "You will not wash my feet," Jesus replied, "Then, you will have no part of me." Peter said, "Then not only my feet but my hands and head as well." But Jesus assured him that his feet alone were enough.

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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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

AN OINTING 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

Happy Independence Day!

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." ~Psalm 89

Monday, July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle

6:30am †Manuel and Ernestina Jurado (Family)

8:15am †Jack Feely (Mary Menicucci & Family)

Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day

6:30am †Frank and Jeanette Devoti (Family)

†Arturo and Helen Ortiz (Connie & Ray)

†Matthew David Reitzel (Family)

Wednesday, July 5, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30am †Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)

8:15am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Thursday, July 6, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

6:30am ♦Intentions of Lauren Anne Kimber-Happy Birthday (Family)
†Paul T.

First Friday, July 7, Weekday

6:30am †Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)

8:15am †For all those on the Memorial Plaques and for all ♦Intentions for which the Votive Lights are lit
♦Living and †Deceased members of the Anthony Lagasca Family

Saturday, July 8, Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am ♦Intentions of the Rosina May Family

Anticipatory Mass for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

†Joe McCoy (Carol Yarnall)

†Bobby, Ronald & Jason Binion (John & Jude Quintana)

Sunday, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am †Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)

†Fusako "Chiko" Jaramillo (Family)

†Tim Partusch (Teresa Bennett)

10:00am ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Women's Guild
†Reverend Boniface Hendricks (John & Angie Costello)
†Tommy Lee

12:00pm ♦Intentions of Grace Anaya-Happy Birthday (Vicenti Family)
†Frances and Gus Lopez (Ed Lopez)
†Jack Feely (Paul & Josie Peloquin)

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Romans 6:3-4, 8-11/Matthew 10:37-42

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/John 20:24-29

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29/Psalms 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a/Psalms 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Genesis 22:1b-19/Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Psalms 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/Psalms 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Romans 8:9, 11-13/Matthew 11:25-30



**Welcome! Welcome!
Welcome!**

Pete and Carla Domenici

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

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.

Quotable Saints

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*"All holiness and perfection of soul
lies in our love for Jesus Christ."*

– St. Alfonsus Ligouri

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**Please continue to pray
for our sick parishioners
and their caregivers**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Prophet's Reward By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

— Matthew 10:39

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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.



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Notes from the Pastor

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Later in the meal (John 13:37) Peter boasted that he would never lose faith in Jesus. He said, "Lord, I would lay down my life for you!" Jesus replied that Peter would deny him three times before dawn. And Peter did deny the Lord three times after Jesus was arrested. But Peter also reaffirmed his faith in Jesus after the Resurrection (John 21:15-19) when three times Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

Peter later traveled to Rome, the center of the civilized world, where he became the first Bishop of Rome. Because of his primacy among the Apostles, he was the first Pope. Tradition has it that when Peter was led to be crucified, he asked to be crucified upside down because he said that he did not deserve to die the same way that Jesus had died.

Paul could not have differed more than Peter. Paul was an educated man. He studied at the feet of the great Hebrew scholar Gamaliel. Physically, Paul was a short man. It is also believed by many scholars that he had some form of speech defect. He was small, but he was powerful. He was one of those Pharisees who did everything possible to destroy the followers of Jesus. But Jesus called Paul as he traveled to Damascus (Acts 9:1 – 22; Acts 22:6). Blinded by a bright light, he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And when Saul asked who the voice was, the answer came, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting." After his conversion, Paul used his intelligence and determination to spread the message of the Kingdom, traveling throughout the Roman Empire, writing the Letters to the infant churches, and completely sacrificed his life for the Kingdom of God.

Two very different saints, one a large and uneducated fisherman, the other a small and educated scholar, yet two very similar saints in this: they shared the determination to live and die for the Kingdom of God even when this meant that they needed to make radical changes in their lives. Even if this meant that they had to sacrifice their lives. And sacrifice their lives they did.



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 issue.

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.



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 Doughnuts-

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: Carlos Pacheco;

Vice-President: Bruce Fradette; *Secretary:* Joann Lucero;

School Representative: David McFarlane

Members: Janie Armijo, Minerva Baca, Cecelia Horner, Samantha Martinez, Rebecca Navarrete, Royman.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office and School Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays in the Church from 9:00AM-12:00 NOON. All are welcome. Come and spend some time in contemplation and prayer before our Lord.



Update on 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a contribution to this year's ACA Campaign. Your generosity assists the Archdiocese of Santa Fe with its charitable impact that Jesus asks of each of us. If you have made an ACA pledge and have not yet paid the pledge in full, we encourage you to do so. Remember that all paid pledges in excess of our goal are rebated back to the parish for use in parish ministry. Thank you for your continued support.



Our Lady of Fatima School is 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 can be reached at 505-255-6391.

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 3-

10:00am-Mass at Morada Senior Living Home
3:30pm-Legion of Mary meeting

Tuesday, July 4- Independence Day

Parish Office closed
School Office closed

Thursday, July 6-

10:30am-Sharon's Bible Corner in FGH Room 1
6:30pm-Choir practice in the Church

First Friday, July 7-

9am-12pm-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

Sunday, July 9-

No Women's Guild meeting

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

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.



A special welcome to the newly baptized

Emilio and Eloise Pacheco

Congratulations to their Parents & Godparents!

Coffee and Doughnuts Sunday!

Join us for Coffee and Doughnuts after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses.



Saint of the Week

St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.