

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.



Why did Peter get out of the boat in today's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)? As a fisherman who had worked on the Sea of Galilee his entire life, this is the last thing he would have done. He would never have even considered stepping out of the boat in normal circumstances, let alone when the boat was being tossed around by strong winds and high waves miles from the shore. In a storm, the boat was the safest place to be. The sensible thing to do would have been to stay put in the boat and ride out the storm.

So why did Peter step out of the boat right there in the middle of the Sea of Galilee? Throughout the four Gospels we see that at times Peter can be very impulsive – speaking or acting without thinking. He had a sincere heart, but a heart that was not always controlled by rational logic. Of course, he knew it was impossible for a man to walk on water. For a man, yes, but not for the Son of God! When the disciples in the boat saw Jesus coming toward them walking on the sea, they were terrified, thinking he was a ghost. Peter spoke up saying “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” It must have been a powerful moment for Peter. Every fiber in his being as a fisherman told him not to get out of the boat, but he saw the Lord and wanted to be with him. That was all that mattered to him at that moment. The other disciples no doubt looked on in horror as Peter stepped out of the boat, expecting him to be immediately swallowed up by the sea and drowned. As long as Peter remained focused on Jesus, he was able to walk on water as well. It was only after he became frightened at the strength of the wind and the waves that he was no longer focused on Jesus and began to sink, calling out “Lord, save me!” And Jesus saved him, placing him back into the boat.

When we are battered by the storms in our lives, we may be tempted to seek safety by turning inward and hiding away from the world in whatever we consider to be our “safe zone.” But Jesus is always there, even in the midst of the storms – *especially* in the midst of the storms. We need to be more like Peter and climb out of our comfort zones, trusting where Jesus may lead us. Although it may be challenging at times, he will stretch out his hand to us as he did for Peter, and calm the storms of our life.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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

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

Religious Education classes begin soon, see pages 4 & 5 for info.

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." ~Psalm 85

Monday, August 14, Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

6:30am †Bernice Johnson (Gurule Family)
 ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Martinez Family (Anna Benavidez)
 ♦Intentions of John Carl Butkis III (Jean Ann DeLayo & Patty Heiman)

8:15am †Scott Chmura (mom, Casie)
 ♦Intentions of Mary Clare Bordeau-Happy Birthday (Nunez Family)

Tuesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

8:15am ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

5:30pm ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Wednesday, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary

6:30am ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Benavidez Family (Anna Benavidez)
 ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
 ♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)

8:15am ♦Special Intention
 †Donna Eldredge (Nunez Family)
 †Mary King (Dcn. Navarrete & Family)

Thursday, August 17, Weekday

6:30am †Deacon Octabino "Toby" Romero (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)
 †Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)

Friday, August 18, Weekday

6:30am ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
 ♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)

8:15am †Angel Mary Sofia Tafoya (Family)

Saturday, August 19, Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM

7:30am †Bernice and Richard Johnson (Gurule Family)
 ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Martinez Family (Anna Benavidez)

Anticipatory Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm †Léolo Ortega (David Ortega)
 †Mary Kellovich (Roselyn Calderon)
 †Helen Vigil (Roberta)

Sunday, August 20, Twentieth 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
 †Gilbert and Margaret Storey (Jim & Danna)
 †Pamela Gerber Martin (Consuelo Chavez & OLF Choir)

12:00pm †Omar Gonzales (Gonzales Family)
 ♦Intentions of the Knights of Columbus Lamy Council
 ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28

Day: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Psalms 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday: Joshua 24:1-13/Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29/Psalms 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28



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.



Quotable Saints

“When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than that proceeding from the mouth.”
 – St. Bonaventure





OLD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RCIA and Adult Confirmation Classes

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and for Adult Confirmation will be starting in August 2023.

RCIA is intended for unbaptized adults who wish to become baptized Catholics, for Christians who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to become Catholic, and for Catholics who were baptized but did not receive any additional Sacraments.

The Adult Confirmation classes are for baptized Catholics who have received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Class sessions will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Fatima Gallagher Hall beginning August 30th, 2023 and ending May 19th, 2024. There is no cost to participate. Registration for RCIA must take place before the first class starts. Sacraments will be received at the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th, 2024. For more information or to register in the RCIA program, please call the Parish Office at (505)265-5868 to make an appointment with one of the priests.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATECHISM (CCD)

WEEKLY IN-PERSON CLASSES for CHILDREN IN GRADES K-7

REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 25TH, 2023

Our 2023-2024 Parish Religious Education Program will offer weekly faith formation classes for children not enrolled in Our Lady of Fatima School. It is the obligation of Catholic parents to ensure that their children receive instruction in the Catholic faith. The goal of the Parish Religious Education Program is to assist parents in their role as the primary educators their children in the faith.

Catechism (CCD) classes for children in grades K-7 will be held every Sunday (except holidays), beginning September 2023, and ending May 2024. The weekly program will begin with Mass at 10:00am followed by classroom instruction in the school building from 11-12:30pm. Parents are required to attend the first class, in which they will receive their workbooks, class schedule and general instructions.

There is a registration/book fee of \$75 per child for all grades to help cover the cost of books and supplies. The parish subsidizes the Religious Education Program because the registration fees alone only defray the cost of the textbooks and do not cover the actual cost of the entire program. **Registration due August 25th, 2023.**

Registration for Catechism classes will begin August 8th in the Parish Office. In order to be registered for CCD, parents will need to fill out a registration form and provide:

- \$75.00 Book fee in cash or check.
- \$25.00 Inactive/Non-parishioner fee (if parents have not been registered at Our Lady of Fatima for a year).
- A copy of their child's Baptism Certificate.
- Bring students to every class on time and pick them up on time.

SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Classes at Our Lady of Fatima School will begin on Monday, August 14th, 2023.

The parking area between the church and Fatima-Gallagher Hall will be closed during school hours.



Second Collection Next Weekend

In your envelope packets and Online Giving there is a special collection for Catholic Charities next weekend. Funds will support community services including bilingual early childhood education, adult education classes, refugee support, low-cost immigration and citizenship legal services, self-sufficiency and housing assistance, free senior transportation, and a food pantry.



ONLINE
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**ONLINE
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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)

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**Welcome! Welcome!
Welcome!**

Emelina Flamenco

We are blessed that you have joined
our parish family.



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



Media Kiosk

There is kiosk located near the Lomas doors of the church containing books, pamphlets and CDs on various aspects of Catholic spirituality and practice. The kiosk will be available on Saturdays from 3:30 PM until after the 12:00 PM Mass on Sundays. A small donation is requested for these materials as indicated on the kiosk.

Saint of the Week

St. Stephen of Hungary | August 16

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.