

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.

September 17, 2023



Most people have some form of financial debt these days. It might be the mortgage on a home, or a car payment, or the repayment of student loans from college, or credit card debt. We're used to debt and we're used to receiving statements reminding us of how much we owe. One of the great fears we may have is that circumstances may arise in which we are unable to repay what we owe. Imagine, then, going to your mailbox and getting a letter telling you that all of your debts had been paid in full. My guess is that our first reaction would be "Wow!" And then, after a few minutes of amazement, we might come back down to reality and ask ourselves, "So, what's the catch?"

Think about it in light of today's Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) in which the servant's huge, un-payable debt is kindly and fully forgiven by the king. While the servant leaves with a sense of profound relief, what he does not seem to clearly understand is that there is a catch in all of this. He, the servant, must forgive the debts of others, as he, the servant, had been forgiven by the gracious king. And that's the catch for all of us: realizing that in his great mercy, God has forgiven our sins, and thus we are called upon to extend forgiveness to others.

In the Penitential Rite of the Mass as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask for, and receive, God's mercy. And we come to the realization that we must forgive others just as we have been forgiven by Christ. Today's Gospel began with Jesus speaking about the breadth of the forgiveness that we are called upon to offer. Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter thinks he is being generous. Remember that in the Bible the number seven represents fullness and completion. God had created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. In Peter's eyes he is offering the fullness of forgiveness. But to his amazement, Jesus answers: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Now, I can just imagine hearing some people saying, "Look, I've already forgiven you seventy-six times. You only have one more forgiveness left!" But the number seventy-seven is, of course, symbolic and means that we are to forgive without limit, just as God has forgiven us without limit.

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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

OLF School Raffle Ticket sales next weekend, see page 3 for information.

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion". Psalm~106

Monday, September 18, Weekday

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

8:15am ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family
(Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family
(Alvarado-Pinedo Family)

Tuesday, September 19, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

6:30am †Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)
♦Living and †Deceased members of the Anthony Lagasca Family

Wednesday, September 20, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30am †Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)

8:15am ♦Special Intention
†Jose and Lily Armijo (Family)

Thursday, September 21, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30am †Helen Adamiak (Carol Yarnall)
†Jerry Van Danne (Armijo Family)

Friday, September 22, Weekday

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

8:15am †Barbara Connely (Dr. Jason Rodarte)

Saturday, September 23, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:30am †Charles Daniel Atherton
†Msgr. Francis X. Eggert (Dr. Jason Rodarte)

Anticipatory Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm ♦Intentions of Priscilla Pearson (Roselyn Calderon)
†Isaac Shelby (Family)
♦Intentions of Deacon Candidate Greg Joyner and Family

Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am †Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)
†Fusako "Chiko" Jaramillo (Family)
♦Intentions of Finely R. Foster-Happy Birthday
(Richard Perovich)

10:00am †Frank and Jeanette Devoti (Family)
†Gilbert and Margaret Storey (Jim and Danna)
†Jesus and Rogelio Martinez (Family)

12:00pm ♦Intentions of all Parishioners
†Charles Daniel Atherton
†Carmelita Lavayna Portugal

Schedule of Events

Monday, September 18-

10:00am-Mass at Manzano del Sol Senior Home

Wednesday, September 20-

6:30pm- RCIA in FGH Room 1

6:30pm-Legion of Mary meeting FGH Room 2

Thursday, September 21-

10:00am-11:30am-Sharon's Bible Corner in FGH Room1
NO Choir practice in Church

Saturday, September 23-

School Raffle Tickets Sales after 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 24-

School Raffle Tickets Sales after all Masses

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

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 27:30-28:7/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Romans 14:7-9/
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8/Psalms 28:2, 7, 8-9/
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13/Psalms 101:1b-2ab,
2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16/Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Psalms 19:2-3,
4-5/Matthew 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12/Psalms 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:13-16/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Luke 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9/Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a

Quotable Saints

“ “I only want to be a poor friar who prays.”
– St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) ”



OUR LADY OF FATIMA MILITARY OUTREACH



Mission Statement:

To show Christ's love for his people by serving Military Veterans and their families in Our Lady of Fatima parish community, as well as the Greater Albuquerque Area.

How:

1. Prayers.
2. Sending of cards and letters.
3. Visitation of our homebound Veterans, Military Widows and Widowers.
4. Gifts: Donated by our parishioners.

Registration Forms are available at the
East Entrance of the church.



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.



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.

Feast Day of St. Padre Pio

Saturday, September 23, 2023, is the feast day of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as St. "Padre Pio". He was born on May 2, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was ordained as a priest with the Franciscan Capuchin friars on August 10, 1910, and lived the rest of his life in San Giovanni Rotondo where he built a hospital to serve the poor. While praying before a crucifix on September 20, 1918, he received the gift of the stigmata – the crucifixion wounds of Christ – which remained open and bleeding for nearly fifty years. St. Pio died on September 23, 1968. Despite his worldwide notoriety as a confessor and spiritual director, Padre Pio once commented: "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."

14th Annual Blue Mass

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 12:00pm
Albuquerque Convention Center
in the Kiva Auditorium

401 2nd St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Principle Celebrant: Archbishop John C. Wester

The Blue Mass is a blessing for all First Responders in New Mexico. Police Officers, Sheriff Deputies, Firefighters, Military, Emergency Medical Personnel, Correction Officers and Probation Officers. It is also an opportunity to honor our fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Mass is a prayer of thanksgiving for ALL First Responders, their families, and their service to our communities.

For more information on the Blue Mass please contact
Deacon Steve Rangel: 505-249-6416 or Slbj78@msn.com
Archdiocese of Santa Fe: archdiosf.org/blue-mass

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers to help them continue their vital ministry to serve the poor in Albuquerque. Help is needed in the Warehouse, Thrift Store and Call Center .



Please come to the St. Vincent de Paul office located in the warehouse and ask for Luana.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
4120 Menaul Blvd.NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Contact Luana at 505-346-1500 ext.4

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, college and adult 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 the First Sunday of the month.

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. Training will be provided.

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. They meet on Wednesday evenings in Fatima-Gallagher Hall from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

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. Training will be provided.

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, Bailey Grundhoffer. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

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-

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 usually held on the second Sunday of the month followed by a short meeting. No meetings May—August and sometimes throughout the year. Check the bulletin to make sure there is a meeting.

***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.

Notes from the Pastor ...Continued from page 1.

Jesus leads the way in this, forgiving the woman who had been caught in adultery, forgiving Thomas for having doubted the Lord's Resurrection, forgiving Peter for having denied him three times. Jesus forgives us without limits. How different would our world be if we practiced offering this kind of forgiveness ourselves?

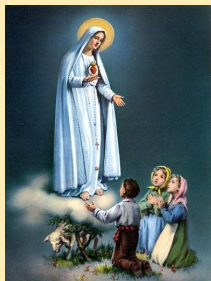
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING
SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 17th**

Corporate Mass at 10:00 AM—Meeting at 11:00 AM
FATIMA-GALLAGHER HALL ROOM 1
All men in the parish are invited!!

**106th MIRACLE OF THE SUN ANNIVERSARY
POTLUCK DINNER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2023**

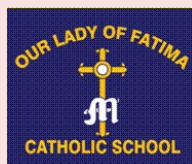


Our Lady of Fatima Families, come and celebrate the 106th Miracle of the Sun Anniversary with Mass at 5:30 PM followed by a Potluck Dinner and Dance to be held on



Friday, October 13th, 2023 from 6:30 PM-10:30 PM in Fatima-Gallagher Hall. There will be dinner, dancing, karaoke, games and a pinata for the children. The church will provide the main dish (BBQ brisket and Hawaiian Chicken) and we ask that everyone bring sides and desserts.

September 23 & 24



**Our Lady of Fatima
School
Raffle Ticket Sales**

After all Masses next weekend, students from Our Lady of Fatima School will be selling tickets for the School Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held on October 28, 2023.

**First Prize: \$2,000.
Second Prize: \$1,000.
Third Prize: \$750.**

Please purchase some raffle tickets and help support our parish school!

International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**



Designed and created
by
Blessed Carlo Acutis



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th
at Our Lady of Fatima Church (in Fatima-Gallagher Hall)
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
10:00 AM-4:00 PM (both days)
11:00 AM—Presentation by Fr. Chris Zugger (both days)

This exhibit consists of over 60 Eucharistic Miracles which have been gathered in a photographic display of panels that travel all over the world. This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

No food or drinks are permitted in the display area.

CCD Classes (kindergarten thru 7th Grade) begin Sunday, September 17th, with the 10:00 AM Mass. Students, make sure to check in with your teacher and sit with the other students during Mass.

Holy Land Handicrafts

On **September 16 and 17, 2023** representatives from Holy Land Handicrafts will be selling religious woodcarvings that have been made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem by Christian craftsmen working with olive wood. The quality of the work is exceptional and the grain lines of the olive wood give real character to the pieces. Come by and take a look. They make wonderful Christmas presents! Your purchase will help Christians in the Holy Land to provide for their families.



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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.

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.



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