

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.

November 12, 2023



As we approach the end of the liturgical year (a new year begins in three weeks on the 1st Sunday of Advent) the Scripture readings at Mass tend to focus on the end times and the Second Coming of Christ. In today's Gospel reading (Matthew 25:1-13), Jesus cautions his listeners to "*stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*". He warns them not to be like the foolish bridesmaids who were unprepared for their master's return. They assumed they could always get more oil for their torches whenever they needed it, and that the door of the master's house would be opened for them even if they arrived late. The foolish bridesmaids were shocked to discover that because of their lack of preparation they were excluded from the celebration. While it is true that because of the late arrival of the master and his bride, all of the bridesmaids – both the wise and the foolish – had become drowsy and fallen asleep, the wise ones were prepared for the delayed arrival while the foolish ones were not.

"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep." These words from our Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) direct our attention to a subject most people would prefer to avoid talking about, and that is death. The Church puts particular emphasis on death during the month of November. It begins with All Saint's Day, which is immediately followed by All Soul's Day, when we pray in a special way for all the faithful departed. In the earliest days of the Church, there was the expectation that Jesus' Second Coming would happen very soon. When that event did not happen quickly and members of the Christian community began to die, there was concern that those who had died would not be included in the Second Coming. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that that when the Lord Jesus returns in glory, those who have already died will rise first. Then those who are alive would also be raised up.

How, then, can we best prepare to meet the Lord? Our First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16) may have the key. Wisdom, we are told, can be "*found by those who seek her.*" And the wisdom we seek – to be prepared to meet the Lord – is found in what Jesus teaches his disciples. His message is about how we are to live in the kingdom of God here on earth, so as to live forever with God after our death. *(Continued on page 3)*

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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

OLF School First Reconciliation November 15th, see page 3 for information.

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." ~ Psalm 63

Monday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30am †Jose & Lily Armijo (Jake Armijo)

8:15am †Jacqueline Mussmann

†Dolores Hance (David Olague)

♦Intentions of Joaquin Maes-Happy Birthday
(Vicenti Family)

Tuesday, November 14, Weekday

6:30am ♦Intentions of Kathryn Louise Conlin-Happy Birthday
(Nunez Family)

†Deena Gurule (Gurule Family)

Wednesday, November 15, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

8:15am ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima School Faculty, Staff and Students

♦Intentions of Mrs. Bradley & Mrs. Mader

♦In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family (Vicenti Family)

Thursday, November 16, Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

6:30am †David and Frances Holmes

†Dolores Hance

Friday, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

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

8:15am ♦Intentions of Catherine Duryea-Happy Birthday
(Hance Family)

♦Intentions of Fr. Stephen C. Schultz (Horner Family)

†Bobby Lopez and Ralph Lopez (Family)

Saturday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Phillipine Duchesne, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am ♦Intentions of Tina Gonzales (Nancy Feight)

†Alfredo Najera (Horner Family)

†Reyes, Deena & Felicia Gurule (Gurule Family)

Anticipatory Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm †Francisco and Florinda Calderon (Family)

♦Intentions of Gina Eichwald and David Ortega
(Nunez Family)

†Grace Elaine Chavez (Jon & Jude Quintana)

Sunday, November 19, Thirty-Third 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
♦Living and †Deceased Members of the Barbara LeBow Family

†Gary Rieg (Lydia Rieg)

12:00pm †Vangie Tansey (Gurule Family)

†Melvin and Jerry Jaramillo (Jon & Jude Quintana)

†Norbert Stuart

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 13-

10:00am-Mass at Morada Senior Home

Wednesday, November 15-

6:30pm-RCIA in FGH Room 1

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

Thursday, November 16-

10:00am-Sharon's Bible Corner in FGH Room 1

6:30pm-Choir practice in Church

Sunday, November 19-

11:00am-(Yr. 1 & 2) Confirmation Classes in FGH Room 1 and Library

11:00am-CCD in School building

11:00am-Holy Name Society meeting in FGH Room 2

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

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 6:12-16/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Matthew 25:1-13

Monday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 1:1-7/Psalms 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 6:1-11/Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7/Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 7:22b-8:1/Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 13:1-9/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Quotable Saints

“Happy are those who concentrate on following the will of God in their actions. They will enjoy a deep peace because they find their happiness in doing God's will.”
— St. Jane Frances de Chantal

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IS AVAILABLE!**

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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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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 completion.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

We are now at the beginning of the month of November and there are only two months left to fulfill pledges made to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Campaign. As you know, the Annual Catholic Appeal is an archdiocesan campaign to help fund many of the ministries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Our assigned goal this year is \$38,000 and all paid pledges in excess of that goal are rebated back to the parish to be used in parish projects.

We are very grateful to those who have already paid their pledge in full. We hope that those who have not yet paid their pledge will continue to make payments and honor their commitment to the best of their ability. For those who have not already made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, it's not too late! You can still make a pledge using the forms available at the Parish Office or in the Church. Many thanks to all who have paid on their pledges. Let's make this year's ACA campaign the most successful yet!



Your November envelope packets and Online Giving contain a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, they continue to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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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.



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

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.



Saint of the Week

Saint Margaret of Scotland | November 16

Saint Margaret was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland.

King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful and gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels.

Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16, 1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and named patron of Scotland in 1673.

Miraculous Medal

Question: What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

Answer: The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal. Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."



We love them both...

Birthright of Albuquerque is in need of volunteers to help an increasing number of women seeking support during and after their pregnancies. Even a few hours of your time each week would be very beneficial. Birthright, an international, inter-denominational, non-political, non-profit organization, offers free pregnancy tests and practical necessities, all in a loving, non-judgmental environment. Training is provided for the all volunteer staff.

Call 505-262-2235 or stop by our office, at 3228 Candelaria NE (just west of Carlisle) to hear and see what we can do and consider becoming a "neighbor" to these women and their babies. (<https://birthright.org>)



An Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

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.



We are adding something new to our parish activities this Advent. Given the popularity of Stations of the Cross during Lent, we are adding an Advent devotion attributed to the Franciscans called the Stations of the Crib. It is modeled on the Stations of the Cross and is presented as 14 stations from the Annunciation to the early childhood of Jesus. They will be held in the church each Friday during Advent (note that there is no 4th Friday of Advent this year) starting at 6:30 pm. The Stations should take about 30 minutes. Folding cards with the Stations have been ordered for distribution to those in attendance.

Following the Stations, there will be a 20 to 30 minute Advent reflection by a member of the parish clergy. Confession will also be available during the Stations and reflection. Then, after the Stations/reflection/confessions, there will be coffee, hot cocoa, and Christmas cookies served in the parish hall for those who wish to attend. The cookies will be provided by a different ministry each of the three evenings. This social time will begin about 7:30 pm and last no later than 8:30 pm including clean-up.

These three evenings are taking the place of an Advent parish mission as well as an Advent penance service. You are invited to participate in these Advent liturgies on December 8th (following the 5:30 pm Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation), December 15th, and December 22nd.



This year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will not be taking up a collection or accepting turkeys for their annual Thanksgiving Drive. They will, however, still be providing New Mexico families with assistance during the holidays.

Families that have been selected to receive gift cards for their Thanksgiving meal will be contacted later in the month.

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

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

Notes from the Pastor

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His lessons are about forgiving others generously, being grateful for the generosity of others, following through on our word, and not expected reward for doing the right thing. Most important, Jesus teaches that loving God with all our mind, body, and soul, and humbly loving our neighbor as ourselves, are the greatest commandments.

The lessons that Jesus taught his listeners as he prepared for his own death provide us the wisdom we need for being prepared for our own deaths. Let us “stay awake” in seeking to live in the wisdom he shares. Let us grow in wisdom by finding ways to grow in our love for God and for our neighbors. As we gain this wisdom, we will also grow in gratitude for God’s kindness, and in certainty of the hope we have for being joined with the Lord and those who have gone before us.

First Reconciliation for the third grade students at Our Lady of Fatima School and our CCD program will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 15th. Let us all pray for these children as they prepare to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God sacramentally for the first time.



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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day –

Thursday, November 23rd - will be at 9:00 am. Parishioners who attend the Mass are invited to bring the bread/rolls/tortillas that will be a part of their Thanksgiving meal for a blessing at the end of the Mass.

The Parish Office and School will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.



Please keep our sick parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.

Prayer for Healing

*Loving and compassionate God,
when your Son walked this earth he extended his
healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with
every disease.*

*We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for
those who are ill.*

*Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those held
bound by infirmity.*

*Through the power of your healing love, free from every
disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health.
Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist
doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they may
effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom
they treat.*

Amen.