

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.



December 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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



During this preparatory season of Advent, we focus on paving the way for Christ's coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming. Isaiah prophesies many wonderful changes when the Lord comes: the deaf will hear, the blind will see, tyrants will be gone. People will rejoice, reverencing and honoring God.

As we listened to the Gospel according to Mark on this Second Sunday of Advent, we heard the evangelist quote from the prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." What does this mean, "...make straight his paths"?

One thing it means is that we are to make it easy for the Lord to reach us. We are to be open to his coming, perhaps in a new way, into our hearts and into our very lives. As we anticipate the arrival of Christmas, it is a good time to reflect on our lives and see how truly open we are to the Lord. Where is our focus at this time, the Second Sunday of Advent? Have we been prayerful and quiet, or has the bustling of the world around us invaded our time to just be with Jesus in silence? To fully prepare our hearts for the incredible glory of Christmas, we should be making more time for Jesus in our lives.

Perhaps in our own preparation for Christmas we should be mindful of the anticipation that existed in people prior to the birth of Jesus. A sense of anticipation and expectation existed not just in the hearts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph, but in all of the people of Israel who for centuries had longed for the coming of the Messiah. They experienced a profound longing for the presence of God, and there was a "dryness" in their lives as they experienced a spiritual thirsting for the "living water" that Jesus would one day offer them.

"Make straight his paths!" and "Prepare the way of the Lord!" are timeless reminders to turn to Jesus, and see him as the one our hearts long for. If we do this, we are sure to arrive at our Christmas celebration with hearts filled with the wonder and joy that is present in the coming of our Savior!

Special collection for Retired Religious this weekend

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

Monday, December 11, Saint Damasus I, Pope

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
 ♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
 †Mary Menicucci (Friends of Birthright of Albuquerque)
- 8:15am** †Dolores Hance (David Olague)
 †Maria Guadalupe Cardiel (Horner Family)
 ♦Intentions of Consuelo Chavez (Nunez Family)

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:30am** †Guadalupe Armijo
 ♦Intentions of Joaquin Maes & Family (Vicenti Family)
 ♦Intentions of Judar & Velasquez Families

Wednesday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 6:30am** †Refugio Baca (Baca Family)
 †Jose and Lily Armijo (Armijo Family)
 †Dolores Hance (Posler-Long Family)
- 8:15am** ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima School Faculty, Staff and Students
 †Bess and Ralph Chavez (Gloria Baca)
 †Mary Lorainne Mussmann

Thursday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
 ♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
- 8:15am** ♦In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered
 ♦Intentions of Bill Long and Barbara Posler (Manzano del Sol Mass attendees)
 ♦Intentions of Shirley Villa (Nunez Family)

Saturday, December 16, Advent Weekday

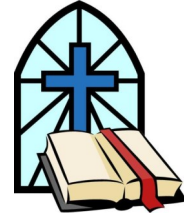
- 7:30am** †Andrea Trace (Pat and Katie Abbott)
 †Rev. Robert Mathieu (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)
 ♦Intentions of the Knights of Columbus Lamy Council Members

Anticipatory Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent

- 5:30pm** †Ignacio and Rose Moreno (Family)
 †Pete and Elisa DiGangi & Attilia Giacomelli (Grace Hanosh)
 ♦Intentions of Willie and Lupe Sanchez (Jon & Jude Quintana)

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

- 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
 ♦Intentions of Alice Maez (Nunez Family)
- 12:00pm** †John and Evelyn Baca Kight (Margaret Ortiz)
 †John and Reina Trujillo (Lena Hawley)
 †Pat Sanchez (Jon & Jude Quintana)



Readings for the week of December 10th

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/
 Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
 2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10/
 Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
 Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or
 Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Judith 13:18bcde, 19/
 Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/
 Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20/
 Psalms 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
 Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19/
 Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
 Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 48:1-4, 9
 -11/Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/
 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Isaiah
 61:10b)/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/
 John 1:6-8, 19-28



Quotable Saints

“Since you speak of peace, all the more must you have peace in your hearts. Let no one be provoked to anger or scandal by you, but may they be drawn to peace and good will, to kindness and concord through your gentleness.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

2023 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENT SCHEDULE PAGE 1 OF 2

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent



- Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- Retired Religious Special Collection
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM-CCD Grades K-7 in School Building
- After the 12:00 PM Mass, Christmas Eve Children's Play rehearsal 2 of 3.

Friday, December 15,

- Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 5:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Crib 2 of 3
 - 6:30 PM –7:30 PM Confessions during Stations
 - After Stations, Advent Presentation for 30 Minutes in the Church
 - After Presentation Cocoa and Cookies in Fatima-Gallagher Hall hosted by the Finance Council, Parish Council and Choir Ministries of the Parish.

Saturday, December 16,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

- Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
 - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM-CCD Grades K-7 in School Building
 - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM-High School Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation Classes in Room 1 and Library of FGH.
 - 11:00 AM– Holy Name Society Meeting in Room 2 of Fatima-Gallagher Hall
 - After the 12:00 PM Mass, Christmas Eve Children's Play rehearsal 3 of 3.
- 4:00 PM– High School Confirmation Classes Community Project to help set up/clean up for Las Posadas.
- 5:00 PM– Las Posadas starting in church with procession around parish grounds. After the procession please join us for a reception with posole, hot chocolate, cookies and a pinata for the children.



Wednesday, December 20,

- Daily Mass at 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM
- 9:00 AM– School Confessions

Friday, December 22,

- Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 5:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Crib 3 of 3
 - 6:30 PM –7:30 PM Confessions during Stations
 - After Stations, Advent Presentation for 30 Minutes in the Church
 - After Presentation Cocoa and Cookies in Fatima-Gallagher Hall hosted by the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers and Greeter Ministries of the Parish.

Saturday, December 23,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM



Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Sunday Obligation Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Sunday, December 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

- Christmas Vigil Mass Schedule:
 - 4:00 PM begins with the Children's Play before Mass starts
 - 6:00 PM

Monday, December 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

- Masses at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM (No Noon Mass)
- Parish Office Closed (12-25-23 and 12-26-23)



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Saturday, December 30,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Sunday Obligation Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Sunday, December 31-Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

- 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.



Monday, January 1, 2024, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

- Masses: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM (No Noon Mass)



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2024 Parish Calendars Available

The 2024 Parish Calendars are available at all Masses. The calendars are offered to our parishioners free of charge while they last, but we ask that you please limit yourselves to one calendar per household.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

FOR OUR MAY & 100 MILE JUNE PILGRIMAGES



REGISTER AT

asfp4v.org

BY DEC | 12th | 2023

The Beneficiary of Our Lady of Fatima's Giving Tree this year is BIRTHRIGHT. This Christmas season they are asking for maternity clothing, baby toiletries and clothing for children from preemie to 12 months old. Birthright strives to help women make life-affirming choices. They offer a sympathetic ear, education, free pregnancy tests and resources to help care for the precious child they are carrying. Not all of the women who walk through the doors are in crisis, but all of them need someone to reassure them that they are capable and that their child is precious. Please help this important ministry serve Albuquerque mothers in need this Christmas.

Below is a list of the items that are in greatest need:

1. Cuddly blankets in neutral colors for intake rooms (Given to women when they have a positive pregnancy test)



2. Hooded bath towels and washcloths
3. Baby Toiletries: diaper cream and baby wash
4. Cotton footed sleepers, size preemie -12 months
5. Long sleeve onesies, size preemie -12 months
6. Solid color pants, size preemie-12 months
- These can be difficult to find locally. Amazon has three or four packs of Simple Joys by Carters and Hanes Flexy.
7. Maternity clothes and diaper bags

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. 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>)

Our Lady of Fatima School to Close in May, 2024

As many are aware, over the last decade Catholic Schools have faced a declining enrollment. There have been many reasons for this including the opening of new charter schools, the COVID pandemic, an increase in home schooling, the bankruptcy faced by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the expansion of St. Pius X to include Middle School. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School has been impacted significantly by all of these factors and it has been determined that our school is no longer sustainable given the anticipated further decline in enrollment. After much discernment, the decision has been made to close Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year which will be in May, 2024. This decision was not made lightly and comes after exploring every alternative possible. While this news is very disappointing, particularly given the 74-year history of our school and the thousands of students who have received their education here, the school will remain true to its mission and continue to ensure that our students continue to grow spiritually and academically for the remainder of the current academic year.

**Special Collection for Retired Priests and Religious This Weekend**

In your December tithing envelope packets and online giving there is an opportunity to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Half of what is received in the collection will be for the Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund which provides benefits for the retirement of the incardinated priests of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

The other half of what is received will be for The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) which helps provide funding for the retirement care of over 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous in helping to provide for the retirement needs of these men and women who have faithfully served the Catholic Church.

A warm
Welcome
to all our guests.

We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!!

New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?

Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 505-265-5868 to register.

For parishioners who wish to make an end of year donation to the parish, please do so by Friday, December 22nd, 2023. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours.



The office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 25th and 26th, 2023.

**REHEARSAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS CHILDREN'S PLAY
TODAY AT 1:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH**

All children are invited to join.

**The Christmas play will be performed
before the 4:00 PM Mass
on December 24th.**



ADVENT

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 6:30pm. 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 7:30pm and last no later than 8:30pm 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 15th and December 22nd.

Las Posadas

Posadas will be celebrated next
Sunday, December 17th,
beginning at 5:00 pm in the church.



Las Posadas

We will then continue in procession to various doors on the parish campus as Joseph and Mary seek a place to stay. The procession will conclude at Fatima-Gallagher Hall where there will be a piñata for the kids, posole and other refreshments.