

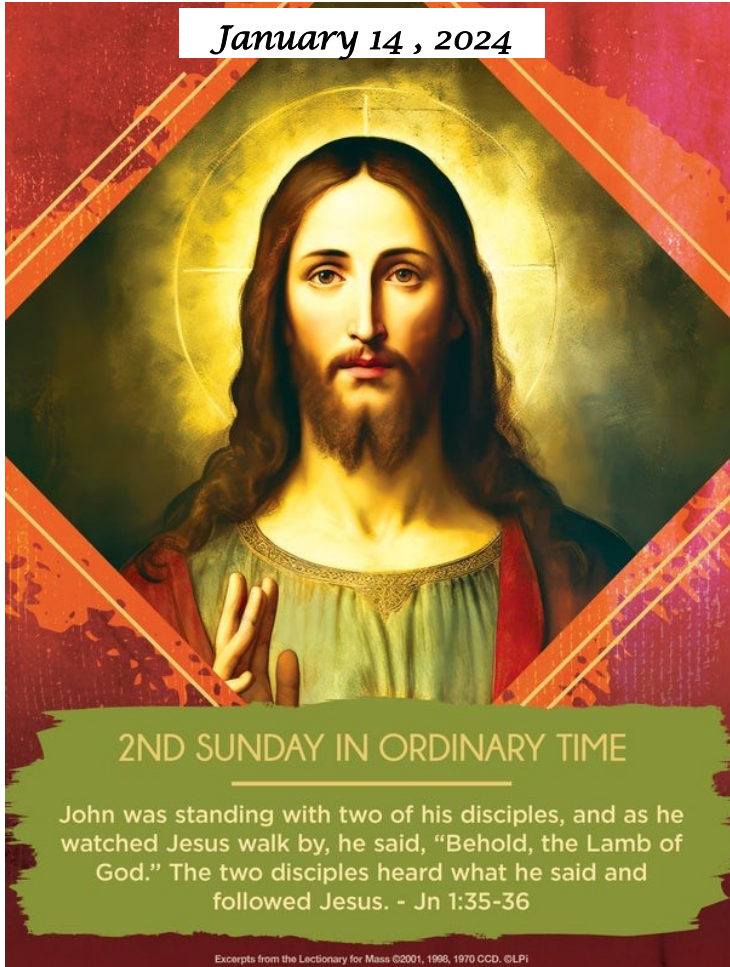
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.

January 14 , 2024



*A note
from the pastor*

Having concluded the Christmas Season last Sunday with the Epiphany of the Lord, we now begin the Mass readings for Ordinary Time. The Sunday Mass readings are on a three-year cycle with Year A containing the Gospel of Matthew, Year B containing the Gospel of Mark, Year C containing the Gospel of Luke, and readings from the Gospel of John appearing in all three years. The Gospel readings for 2024 will come primarily from Year B – Mark, although the Gospel for today comes from John. The normal pattern for readings throughout Ordinary Time is to take a reading from the main Gospel of the liturgical year and combine it with a First Reading that relates to the theme of the Gospel passage. The Responsorial Psalm typically will also reflect the theme of the Gospel. The Second Reading, on the other hand, is a passage taken from one of the New Testament Epistles and is not necessarily related to the other readings of the day.

The theme developed in today's Gospel and First Reading is God's call to vocation, and our response. We have all received a vocation – a call from God. At its most basic level, we have all received a call to salvation. Several times in the New Testament we hear that our names have been written in the Book of Life before the foundation of the world. We have also received a more specific call on how we are to live out this more general call. Some of us are called to be married, others single, still others to religious life. This is not a matter of personal preference – it is a response to God's call. Finally, our work is also part of our response to our vocation. We are not simply earning a living; we are also responding to God's call in whatever work we do. If we keep this fact in mind, then we can see how whatever work we might do, even forms of work that might seem quite humble, can be for us an expression of our dedication to spreading the Kingdom of God. It all begins with a positive response to the invitation of Jesus, "Come, follow me." Are we prepared to follow Jesus, or will we offer excuses?

Having a variety of excuses tucked away in our consciences seems to be a part of our lives. Parents have them; children have them; employees have them; bosses have them; the government has them – and yes, even priests have them! When we do not live up to someone's expectations, we do not want to be caught unprepared, so we often rehearse what our excuse will be, how we will say it, and what reaction we are likely to get in response. Excuses may have a place within our human relationships, but they have no place in our relationship with God. Indeed, excuses are usually our justification for thoughts or behavior that is contrary to God's will. We have to face that fact that, sooner or later, there is not one single excuse that will work when we stand before God and give an account of our lives. What excuse would be good enough to explain why we did not heed God's voice stirring in our hearts, but chose, instead, to follow some other path? Let there be no excuses today. Let God do the talking, and let us respond in faith.

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-

* As noted in the schedule on page 2.

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

Parish Office Closed on Monday, January 15th.

“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” ~ Psalm 40

Monday, January 15, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Antonio Martinez (Cora Martinez)
 ♦Intentions of Joe Jaramillo and Family (Patty Heiman)
 ♦Intentions of Dave Tedford and Family (Patty Heiman)
8:15am Communion Service only

Tuesday, January 16, Weekday

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Harley and Lauren Anne Kimber (Family)
 †Ian Armijo (Family)

Wednesday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima School Faculty, Staff and Students & Future of Catholic Education
 †Janet and Paul Tafoya (Posler-Long Family)
 †Steven Armijo (Jake Armijo)
8:15am Communion Service only

Thursday, January 18, Weekday

- 6:30am** †Most Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, SSS (Dcn. & Mrs. Timoteo Lujan)
 ♦Intentions of Ramon Martinez and Family (Patty Heiman)

Friday, January 19, Weekday

- 6:30am** †Gerald C. Schultz
 †Helen Adamiak (Carol Yarmnall)
 ♦Intentions of Finley R. Foster (Richard Perovich)
8:15am Communion Service only

Saturday, January 20, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr, BVM

- 7:30am** †Reyes, Deena and Felicia Gurule (Gurule Family)

Anticipatory Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:30pm** †Peter and Elisa Di Gangi (Gloria DiGangi Garcia)
 †Silverio Sanchez (Jennifer & Gary Mazaroff)
 †Damiean Vaccarella (Gloria DiGangi Garcia)

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30am** ♦Intentions of all Parishioners
 †Jimmy & 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 Fr. Stephen Schultz
12:00pm †Jose and Lily Armijo (Jake Armijo)
 ♦Intentions of Fr. Stephen Schultz
 ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima Students and Families

**Readings for the week of
January 14, 2024**

Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/
 Psalms 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a,
 9a)/1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
 John 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/Psalms
 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mark
 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/Psalms
 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37,
 40-51/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mark
 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/
 Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-
 13/Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/Psalms
 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12,
 19, 23-27/Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7/Mark
 3:20-21

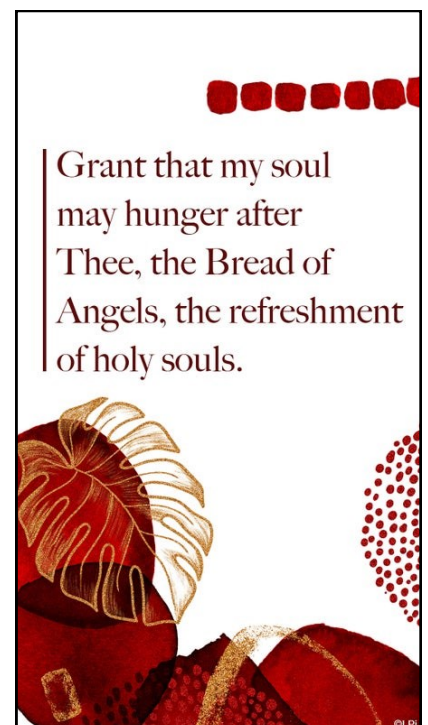
Next Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10/
 Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-2

Quotable Saints

“Being a Christian isn’t just following the commandments, but means being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving him; it means letting him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin.

—Pope Francis

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Around the Archdiocese

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Weekends for the Engaged. Couples must attend the whole weekend. Please visit www.familylifem.org to register for one of the events. The cost is \$85.00 per couple. Dates for 2024 are as follows:

- February 23-25
- May 24-26
- August 23-25
- November 8-10

Evenings for Engaged at St. Jude:

To register, please call 505-898-0826

- January 16, 18, 23, 25 & 27
- March 12, 14, 19, 21 & 23
- July 16, 18, 23, 25 & 27
- Oct 8, 10, 15, 17 & 19

The Pre-Cana de Santa Fe:

Pre-Canas classes at St. Anne Parish in Santa Fe.

To register or for more information call 505-690-7451.



ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Creighton Model FertilityCare System

www.stjosephfertilitycare.org

Couple to Couple League

<https://ccli.powerappsportals.com/en-US/>.

RETROUVAILLE

Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon. Marriage help- Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information call 505-890-3495. You can also find us on the Web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

Office of Family Life

Yvette Duran-Coordinator
505-831-8117
yduran@archdiosf.org

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP-

Seasons of Hope is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. The small faith-sharing group typically meets for six consecutive weeks. Anyone who is mourning the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Participants are asked to bring a bible (we also have bibles available) and each receives a journal to guide them through the sessions. Registration is requested so materials can be prepared. For meeting dates, call Holy Rosary Parish at 505-836-5011 or Risen Savior at 505-821-1571.

Saint of the Week

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave. One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

As a teen, Clare learned of a priest named Francis (St. Francis of Assisi). After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to “live for the Gospel.” She admired how Francis lived — in poverty, community, and service to the poor. After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family to join Francis and his followers.

Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life. Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Fearing for their safety from Clare’s family who were determined that the daughters return, Francis and his followers built a home for them next to a church they restored, San Damiano, for their protection. While there, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.

Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare’s Poor Ladies. The growing community’s radical devotion to strict poverty set them apart from other congregations. Following her order’s eventual approval by the Pope, she wrote the order’s Rule of Life based on the teachings of St. Francis — the first monastic rule known to be written by a woman.

After St. Clare died, the Poor Ladies were renamed the Order of St. Clare or, the Poor Clares, in her honor. She passed away at the age of 59, one day after her Rule was approved. St. Clare, pray for us! © LPI

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- *Theresa Irvin*

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- *This could be you*

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- *Not currently active*

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- *Mark Adrian*

Opportunities are for adults and children to lead the people in joyful worship by singing and playing musical instruments.

Coffee and Donuts- *Kathryn Reed*

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- *Parish Office*

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- *Pat Abbott*

Cheerfully welcome people to the Celebration of the Eucharist and make visitors feel at home in our parish.

Grotto Keepers- *Pat Abbott*

Meets monthly for landscaping maintenance in the grotto areas.

Holy Name Society- *Joseph Tapia*

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- *Mary Ann Lopez*

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- *Kathryn Guimaraes*

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: Carlos Pacheco:

Vice-President: Bruce Fradette; Secretary: Joann Lucero; Members: Janie Armijo, Minerva Baca, Cecelia Horner, Samantha Martinez, Rebecca Navarrete, Richard Royman, Bailey Grundhoffer.

School Consultative Council (SCC)- *Melinda Mader*

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- *Margaret Trace*

Members grow spiritually through service to people in need and are dedicated to helping with food, utilities and rent assistance.

Ushers- *Parish Office*

Offer support to people by assisting in seating, taking up offerings, distributing the bulletins and other duties.

Women's Guild- *Gina Joyner*

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**NEXT SUNDAY—JANUARY 21st**

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

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.

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.



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The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 15, 2024** in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The office will reopen the following day, Tuesday, January 18, 2024.

**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.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish would like thank Donna Mickey and Janie Armijo for volunteering to help lead the Children's Christmas play this year.

