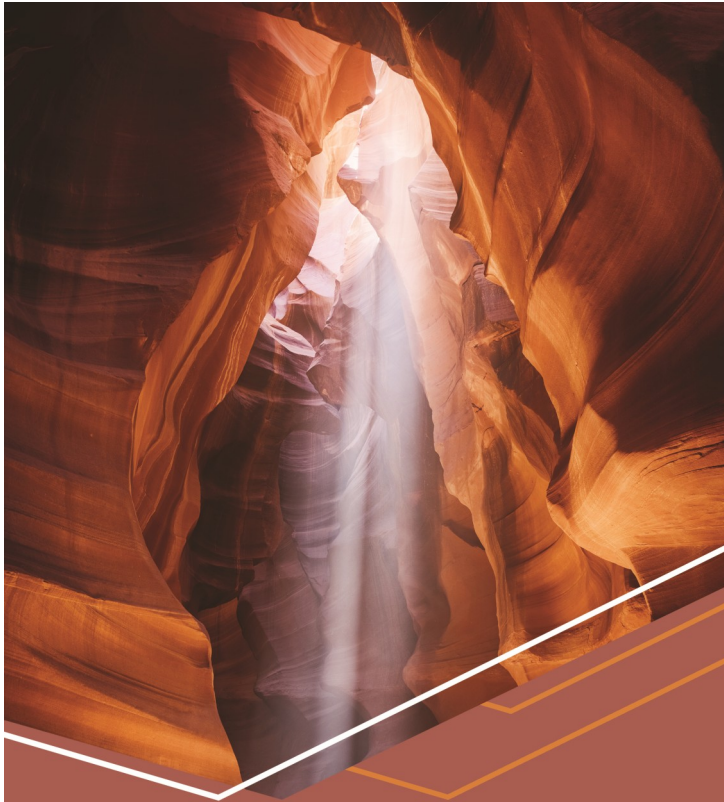


March 26 & 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. *(Temporarily postponed)*

Tues—Fri 12:00 p.m.
Holy Days 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



St. Francis Newman Center

914 W. 13th Street
Silver City, NM 88061

Administrator:

Bartholomew Ezenwelem, Pastor

Secretary:

Danna Lopez

Contact Information

Phone: (575) 538-3662
Fax: (575) 534-1059
Mailing Address: 1303 N. Florida Street
Silver City, NM 88061
E-Mail: stfrancisnewman@outlook.com
Website: www.stfrancisnewman.wix.com/
saint-francis-newman
Facebook: St-Francis-Newman-Catholic-
Church-Silver-City-NM

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
~ The office does not close for lunch ~

Other Contacts

Director of Religious Education

Sylvia Misquez (575) 574-7505

Lector Coordinator

Maureen Craig (575) 956-3053

St. Francis Associates

(575) 388-4933

Food outreach (Mondays at 4:00 p.m.)

Utility & Rent Assistance (2nd & 4th Saturdays)

Gospel Reflection

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

©LPI

Readings for the Week

March 27, 2022

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Observances for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	April Fools' Day
Saturday:	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Next Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Lent

© LPI



March: Month of St. Joseph



O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers. Amen

Mysteries of the Rosary

- Sunday—Glorious Mysteries
- Monday—Joyful Mysteries
- Tuesday—Sorrowful Mysteries
- Wednesday—Glorious Mysteries
- Thursday—Luminous Mysteries
- Friday—Sorrowful Mysteries
- Saturday—Joyful Mysteries



Mass Intentions

Please Note:

All Mass intentions must be requested at least one day prior to the day you want the intention read to ensure that it is included in the daily intentions.

For the week of March 28—April 3

Monday, March 28

12:00 P.M. — **NO NOON MASS**

Tuesday, March 29

12:00 P.M. — † Esther Mares by the Vasquez Family
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Wednesday, March 30

12:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Thursday, March 31

12:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Friday, April 1

12:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Saturday, April 2

5:00 P.M. — † Sarah, Roger, & Bobbie Carrasco by Corrine Ortega
For God's protection over all our military by Sylvia Misquez
For an end to abortion by Sylvia Misquez
For healing for victims of sex trafficking by Sylvia Misquez
For the President of the United States
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Sunday, April 3

8:00 A.M. — For an end to Abortion
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

10:00 A.M. — For an end to Abortion
† Teodoro Barela & Family by Rosalina Alvarado
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Altar Bread & Wine for March

*is for the Deceased Members
of the Gatton Family
By Jerry & Terry Gatton*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann & John Walsh
Sam & Mando Medina
Tommy Ogas
Vicki Ogas
Maggie Simpson
Eddie Carbajal, Jr.
Sam Silva
Irene Alvarado
Sam Montoya
Pat & Barbara Lambert
Nestor Placencio

Keegan Browning
Travis Kirkland
Mary Lou Ortega
Elaine Haynik
Gus Alatorre
Martha Alatorre
Gloria Aralica
Louise Perez
Delfina Diaz
Matthew Leyba
Sandy Irevales

Wanda Garcia
Danny Sandoval
Cesario C. Maldonado

*Pray for our military
serving around the world
~~~~~ and ~~~~~  
for the President of the  
United States*

## Liturgy Schedule

### April 2 & 3

#### Saturday, April 2—5:00 P.M.

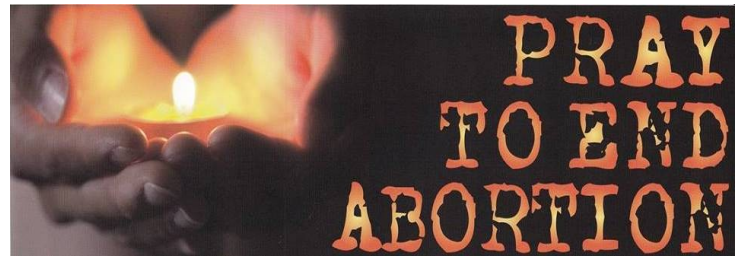
Lectors— Nancy Thomas and Marjorie Johnson  
Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Marilyn Burbrink  
Cup— **(Temporarily Postponed)**  
Music— Rosie & Friends

#### Sunday, April 3—8:00 A.M.

Lectors— Cathy Gojkovich and Jo Ann Salcido  
Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Cynthia Bridgeman  
Cup— **(Temporarily Postponed)**  
Music— Lorraine & Friends

#### Sunday, April 3—10:00 A.M.

Lectors— Maureen Craig and Rosalina Alvarado  
Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Brenda Hall  
Cup— **(Temporarily Postponed)**  
Music— TBD



## Dates to Remember

April 1—12:00 First Friday Mass  
April 14—6:00 Baptism Class  
(please call the church if you plan to attend)  
Fridays—6:00 Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent

## On-Going Events to Remember

### Baptism Classes

Every second Thursday of the month  
from 6:00—9:00 p.m.

*Please call the office to have your name added to the list.*

### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

*If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel, contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator at the Diocese of Las Cruces at (575) 523-7577, or vac@rcdlc.org.*



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship

#### COLLECTIONS

See March 20 bulletin for March 6 total.

**Please note that deposits will be made every 3 to 4 weeks. Thank you for your patience during this time.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity~*

#### ~ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED ~

The pantry is in need of cold cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned beans, ramen, tuna, dry beans, milk, sugar, detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, hygiene items, dish soap, Ziploc bags, and any "Just for You" items from Albertson's that you don't want.

They also need volunteers on Monday afternoons and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from. If you can help, please contact Dotty at (575) 313-2817

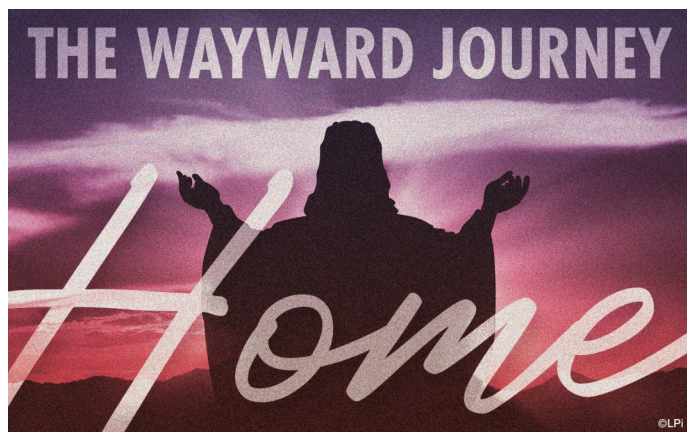
~~~~~  
Thank you for your continued generosity!
~~~~~

#### United In Ministry...the Essential Service of Hope

Please remember to make your UIM contribution.

This year's commitment is \$30,000 and we have already collected almost 36% of our goal! If you need an envelope, there are some available in the office.

If you would like to donate online, visit [www.rcdlc.org/iamuim](http://www.rcdlc.org/iamuim).  
Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!



#### ~ Second Collections ~

April 3— Building Fund

April 15— Holy Land (Good Friday)

April 17—St. Francis Associates

April 24—Catholic Home Mission Appeal

March 27, 2022

### Other Parish Information

#### Mission Statement

Called in Baptism and rooted in our Catholic faith, we at St. Francis Newman Center Parish of the Diocese of Las Cruces are welcoming and compassionate people. We strive to be disciples of Christ with a special ministry to the Western New Mexico University community. The dynamic and diverse nature of our parish invites us to be open to spiritual formation and the values of charity. Nourished by the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to all, encouraging active participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith within our families, our parish, our diocese and our world. (Approved: January 4, 2012)

#### Baptisms

Parents and Godparents must complete the Baptism Application (available in the office) and take the Baptism class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Godparents must have all sacraments to be able to serve as Godparents. Contact the Parish Office for complete details.

#### Marriages

Marriages must be arranged 6 months in advance.

#### Parish Membership

All parishioners 18 years or older are urged to register— as a member of the Catholic Church, registration is required. As a registered member of our parish you are invited to participate as a volunteer in assisting the various ministries our parish offers.

#### Volunteer Ministries

St. Francis Newman Center has many ministry opportunities in which Parishioners can serve. Please call or stop by the office to inquire as to where you can best serve our Parish.

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

#### ~ Parking Lot Update ~

Last week the forms for the lower wall were completed and inspected. This week they will pour concrete in the wall. They will start the forms for the steps.