

August 16 & 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Tues—Fri	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
First Saturday	10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday	11:30—11:50 a.m.
Friday	During Adoration
Saturday	3:45—4:45 p.m.
By appointment:	Call the office to schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays	11:00 a.m.
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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 Coordinators

Anna Partido—5:00 Mass
Silvia Madrid—8:00 Mass (575) 590-0088
Thelma Brusuelas—10:00 Mass (575) 313-1309

St. Francis Associates

(575) 388-4933

Food outreach (Mondays at 4:00 p.m.)
Utility & Rent Assistance (2nd & 4th Saturdays)

Gospel Reflection

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

Father John Muir

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Readings for the Week

August 17, 2025

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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Sunday:	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Thursday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Saturday:	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Next Sunday:	

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August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



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



"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mass Intentions

For the week of August 18—24

Monday, August 18

Private

For our Parish Hall Project
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Tuesday, August 19

12:00 P.M. — For the people at Food Basket by Teri Perez
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Wednesday, August 20

12:00 P.M. — For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Thursday, August 21

12:00 P.M. — For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Friday, August 22

12:00 P.M. — † Evelyn Madrid by her Daughters
For the safety of Jocelyn Dominguez and Angel Bencomo by Sylvia Misquez
For the souls in Purgatory by Sylvia Misquez
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Saturday, August 23

5:00 P.M. — † Clara Nufer by Friend
† Sr. Rosie Farrell by Friends
For our Parish Hall Project
For an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a just end to civil war in Sudan by JW Ortiz
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Sunday, August 24

8:00 A.M. — For our Parish Hall Project
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU
10:00 A.M. — † Juanita F. Rodriguez by Richard Rodriguez
For our Parish Hall Project
For the Parishioners of St. Francis Newman Center & the Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU



Altar Bread & Wine for August

is for the Garard and Aguirre Families
by Will & Shawntai Garard and Family

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. To be included in the bulletin, it must be requested at least two weeks in advance

Please remember to notify the office if someone on the prayer list needs to be removed. Thank you~

Liturgy Schedule

August 23 & 24

Saturday, August 23—5:00 P.M.

Lectors— Kathy Gilbert and Gabriel Partido
Extraordinary Minister — Margaret Smith
Cup— Sylvia Misquez and Sue Vento
Music— Rosie & Friends

Sunday, August 24—8:00 A.M.

Lectors— Joni Miller and Cynthia Bridgeman
Extraordinary Minister — Silvia Madrid
Cup— Clara Bustillos and Mike Anglin
Music— Lorraine & Friends

Sunday, August 24—10:00 A.M.

Lectors—Denise Placencio and Emily Gojkovich
Extraordinary Minister — Craig Pfeifer
Cup— Amadita Diaz and Dotty Pfeifer
Music— TBD

Dates to Remember

August 4 through 29—Religious Education Registration
September 7 & 8—Religious Education Classes Begin
September 21—Bingo at Knights of Columbus Hall
Tuesdays—Immediately after the noon Mass: **Rosary**
Wednesdays—5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *The Chosen*
September 11—6:00 p.m. Baptism Class

On-Going Events to Remember

Baptism Classes
Second Thursday of every month 6:00—9:00 p.m. upstairs
Please call the office to have your name added to the roster.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann & John Walsh
Sam & Mando Medina
Eddie Carbajal, Jr.
Martha Alatorre
Albert & Martha Jimenez
Vicki Ogas
Juan Verdugo
Leo & Peggy Perez
Sr. Rita Plante
Rodney Tschirhart
Gene Panick
Tommy Ogas
JC Robinson
Sam Silva
Dave Schwantes
Bonnie Jo Rogers
Audrey Montoya
Gary Placencio
Diane Hannig

Dion Montoya
Andrew Altamirano
Jason Acosta
William Kempf
Serina Ramirez
Alex Jaurequi
Aaron Valencia
Miguel Perez
Giovanni Romano
Marie Madrid
Brenda Dominguez
Silvia Madrid
Lucinda Saucedo
Julia Maple
Ken Scoggin
Martin Rael
Russ Kinter
JJ Hernandez
Mike Castillo

Belinda Arzola
Cynthia Montes
Baldo Holguin
Sam Carrasco
Marlene & Arthur Chavez
Leo, Sandra, & Robbie Madrid
Brenda Barragan
Beverly Chappell
Alice Shirley
Mary Ellen Lopez

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

## 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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship

#### COLLECTIONS

**August 3, 2025**

**\$ 4,819.96** (Week of August 3)  
(Week of August 10 not available at the time)

**\$ 3,025.00** (Office)

**\$ 2,090.90** (Online donations — July)

*Thank you for your continued generosity~*

#### United In Ministry Update

2025 Parish Goal: \$32,500

Paid to-date (08/11/25): \$ 29,407.11 (90% of goal)

**Still Owed (08/11/25): \$ 3,092.89**



**Date: Sunday, September 21**

**Time: Doors open at 1:30 p.m.**

**Bingo starts at 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: Knights of Columbus Hall**

**~Raffle and Bingo tickets available in the office~**

#### ~ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED ~

The pantry is in need of canned beans, flour, pasta sauce, sugar, ramen, canned meat products, chunky soups, cold cereal, laundry detergent, shampoo & conditioner, and any "Just for You" items from Albertson's that you don't want.

They are **VERY** short on volunteers on both the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8 -10 a.m. If you can help, please contact Dotty at (575) 313-2817.

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all clergy, employees, and volunteers undergo a background check, participate in a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Module and sign a code of conduct **every five years**.

New volunteers must create a VIRTUS account and complete the policy requirements before beginning volunteer work.

Existing volunteers must login to your account to renew the requirements at: www.virtusonline.org

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For questions or assistance, contact the Virtus Local Administrator at your parish,

Danna Lopez

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(575) 538-3662

Or Safe Environment Coordinator

Mary Frances Garcia

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575-222-42345



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### 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.

#### Parish Registration / Update Information

If you haven't registered in the parish or you would like to update your information, please fill out the following form and either drop in the collection basket or leave in the office at your earliest convenience. **Parishioners 18 and older are required to register separate of their parents/guardians.** Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ANNIVERSARY \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New registration

☐ Please update my information