

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN
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September 6, 2026**



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Saturday & Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

* Monday—Friday: 7:30AM

* Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil Masses

* Vigil Mass : 4:00PM

Sunday Masses

* Spanish Mass: 9:00AM

* English Mass: 11:00AM

* English Mass: 5:00PM

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00PM-4:00PM

Sunday: 30 minutes before all Masses



Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism: Parents may register their child for baptism at the parish office. Please turn in necessary paperwork **two (2) weeks prior to class**. Baptism Classes will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Baptisms are done on the fourth Sunday of the Month.

Marriage: Contact Parish Priest/Office at least **six (6) months** before the proposed wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Priest /Office when a parishioner is seriously ill and/or is scheduled for major surgery. Emergency phone-505-604-9778.

Sunday Collection for

August 30, 2026: \$4,887.25

(Envelopes: \$3,435.00 Loose: \$1,452.00)

Envelopes used: 121

La Cueva Mission: \$329.00

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Altar Society:

September 7, 2026

Lucille Sandoval/Frances Martinez/Joann Martinez



*"Protecting the unborn...
Supporting the expectant mother."*

**Momma with the triplets did lose two, please keep her and
the baby in your prayers.**

Baby in NICU is improving, please continue to pray.

UPCOMING MISSION MASSES: As of Saturday, May 2nd,
Saturday 4pm Mass will NOT be at St. Gertrude but in the
Missions at 4pm. (Confessions @ 3:30)

Turquillo Mass
Santa Teresita
September 12th
4pm

Chacon Mass
San Antonio
September 19th
4pm

La Cueva Funcion
San Raphael
September 26th
4pm

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS: TUESDAY AT 12 PM IN WRITING, PLEASE!

SATURDAY— September 5**4PM Vigil Mass Monte Aplanado Funcion Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Patrick Martinez, Eliseo Pacheco & Alvin Vasquez /by family
- + Max & Elvira Pacheco, Alex Guzman & Alvin Duran /by Raymond & Gina Pacheco

SUNDAY— September 6 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**9AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Charlie Trujillo Sr. & Jr., Martin Sandoval Sr. & Jr. & Archie Martinez /by Jimmy & Lucille Sandoval
- + Comadre Bercy Espinoza & family /by Comadre Mildred Sandoval
- * Adolfo & Felia Montoya family reunion /by family

11AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- * Avaleah, Santana Gonzales, & Ilene Chavarria + Loretta Abeyta (B-days) /by Inez
- + Rene Vigil (20th Anniv) /by Christine, children & grandchildren
- + Sr. Lilliosa, Sr. Nerimex Marie, Sr. Manuelita, Loretto sisters /by Evelyn Romo

5PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale**People of the Parish**

- + Amadeo, Viola, Bob & Charles Padilla /by Ray Padilla
- + Sophia Branch (90th B-day) /by Raymond Branch

Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20**MONDAY— September 7****7:30AM Mass**

- + Devin Candelaria /by Viola Candelaria
- 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6,7,12 Lk 6:6-11**

TUESDAY— September 8 The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary**7:30AM Mass**

- + June Salas /by Adeline Salas
 - + Andres Martinez, Luisita Flores, Ramona Martinez & Frances Archuleta /by MaryAnn & Ivy Rae
 - + Phillip Bustos (B-day) /by Dennika, Rico & Aaliyah
- Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23**

WEDNESDAY— September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest (USA)**7:30AM Mass****1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26****THURSDAY— September 10****7:30am Mass**

- + Holy Souls in Purgatory & forgotten ones

1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1b-3,13-14b,23-24 Lk 6:27-38**FRIDAY— September 11****7:30am Mass**

- + Duane Maes & departed family members /by Amy & May
- + Ernesto Alcon (B-day) /by Debra, Arthur & Danny
- * In Honor of Padre Pio for Genevieve (B-day), Louis, Michelle, Gabby & Rebecca Strasser /by Maxine Maes

1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,12 Lk 6:39-42**SATURDAY— September 12 The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, BVM****8am Mass****1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49****SATURDAY— September 12****4PM Vigil Mass Turquillo Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Inocencio, Leonila & Tobias Cordova
- + John Serna (5th Anniv) /by Sophie Serna

SUNDAY— September 13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**9AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Martin Sandoval Sr. & Martin Sandoval Jr. (Teen) /by Mildred
- + Comadre Bercy Espinoza & family /by Comadre Mildred
- + Carl Esequiel Medina /by Ida Mora

11AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + Margaret Maes, Albina Hurtado & Josie Olivas /by Evelyn Romo
- + Ramona Martinez & Marie Manuelito /by Geraldine & Paul

5PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale**People of the Parish**

- + Pedro, Guillermo & Reynaldo Martinez /by TC
- * Robert DeHerrera (B-day) & Special Intention /by Liz

FRANCISCAN MEDITATION

The Little Sister Called Hope -- Quietly showing the way. Faith believes. Charity loves. And hope keeps walking. Hope can feel like the smallest of the three: quiet, almost hidden beside the strength of faith and the fire of charity.

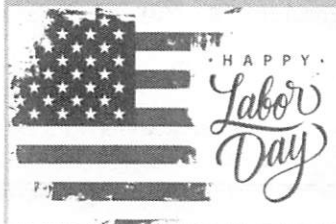


St Francis knew that the Gospel was not a promise of an easy life. It was a call to keep moving towards Christ, even when the road was poor, uncertain, difficult or dark. Hope can restore life. It can breathe gently into places that have grown tired, wounded or forgotten. Hope reminds us that nothing is beyond God's ability to renew. It gives us courage to begin again, to take one more step, and to believe that what feels finished may still have a future. Hope simply refuses to believe that darkness gets the final word. St Francis found joy in poverty. Peace in simplicity. Mercy after failure. Beauty in creation. And Christ at the center of everything.

That is Franciscan hope: to trust that God is still working, to believe that tomorrow can be different, to keep loving when it costs us, and to take the next faithful step. Sometimes hope isn't a great feeling. Sometimes hope is simply getting up, praying again, forgiving again, beginning again and trusting God with the rest.

Faith, hope and charity. Three sisters on the road.

And perhaps the smallest one is the one quietly pointing the way forward.



The Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and blessed Labor Day weekend.

There will be a Second Collection on September 13th for Seminarian Support.

Adoration Chapel: The Chapel is now open 24 hours. Anyone who wants to devote an hour of adoration please contact Deacon Eloy at 505-948-6887 or Ellen Hagaman 505-504-4772.

Bible Study: Bible Study will be every Sunday after the 5pm Mass. Everyone Welcome.

Cemetery Plots: All plots need to be prearranged by Mission Mayordomos or the Church Office. Also please clean & maintain your family member's plot.

Charitable Giving: Charitable Giving is on Mondays from 10-12 & 1-3pm.

Commodities: The Commodities will be distributed on Tuesday, September 8th. [USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender]

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9am in the Pastoral Center. If you're interested in joining the Legion please come and see what it's all about.

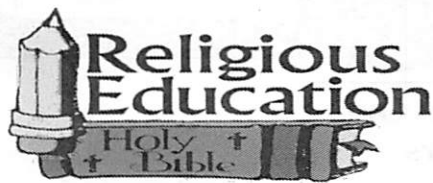
Men's Group: Men's group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Chapel at 7pm.

Music Ministry: The Music Ministry will meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All Choir members please plan to attend. All interested in music ministry are welcome.

St. Gertrude Yard Sale: St. Gertrude's Yard Sale will be every Friday at the Parish Hall. If you have any questions please contact Helen DeHerrera at 575-387-5702.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society will be praying the rosary at 8:30 on the first Sunday of every month.

WINGS (Women In Need of God): The Wings group meets every Friday at 12pm in the Pastoral Center for faith and fellowship. Please join us.



Registration for Catechism and Confirmation

We are still accepting registration forms for Catechism Grades K-8th & Confirmation I and

II. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. Please complete and turn in your registration forms ASAP. Currently, registration numbers for all grades are low. Please remember that Catechism provides a continuous, structured foundation for faith and moral development as students grow. It aims to instruct students in the core beliefs of our catholic faith and builds long-term habits of prayer, worship and devotion to the sacraments.

Therefore, we highly encourage all students, not just those who are preparing for First Communion or Confirmation to register and attend catechism classes.

Tuesday, September 8th—1st day of Catechism at 3:45—5pm at the Mora Elementary.

Monday, September 14th—1st day of Confirmation at 6:00—7:30pm at the Pastoral Center.

San Raphael Mission

The San Raphael Mission Mayordomos are selling their yearly raffle tickets. If you would like to purchase any please contact Gwen Gurule 505-603-5656 or Gina Pacheco 575-387-5429. Thank you for supporting our missions.

Ministry Schedule

September 12th 4pm
Turquillo Mass

September 13th 9am
Lectors: Evelyn Cordova
Choir: St. Francis
Server:

EU Ministers: Dcn Eloy, Leo & Annabelle Pacheco
Mayordomos: Anabelle Lopez & Louisa Rogers

September 13th 11am

Lector: Loretta Ashe
Choir: San Manuel
Server:

EU Ministers: Dcn Clarence, Joann Martinez & Patrick Ashe
Mayordomos: Paul & Annette Velasquez

September 6th 5pm

Lector: Anita Roybal
Choir: St. Therese
Server:

EU Ministers: Fidel Trujillo Jr.
Mayordomos: William & Monica Romero

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic faith. Participants, known as catechumens go through a multi-step process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation). The OCIA process also sets the foundation for the ongoing journey of discipleship that lasts throughout ones life.

St. Gertrude Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who need to go through the OCIA process in order to become full members of the Catholic faith include:

- Someone who is of another faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism.
- An individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation.

If you or someone you know want to become full members of the Catholic Church, please come by the office and register for the OCIA program. Additionally, the classes are open to anyone who wishes to more fully, learn, deepen or understand their Catholic faith. **Classes begin Tuesday, September 15th at 6pm in the Pastoral Center.**

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**If you or any family member are in need
of prayer and would like to get on the
Parish Prayer list please call the office at
575-387-2336 so we can add you.
Thank you!!**

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September 2026

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Father Dale Craig, S.O.L.T., Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Born in 11th-century Germany to a noble family, St. Hildegard of Bingen experienced mystical visions from childhood, which she eventually embraced as a call to serve God and the Church. A Benedictine nun and later abbess, she became an influential spiritual leader, composer, writer, and scholar of the natural world. Popes, clergy, and political leaders sought her counsel. Recognized for the enduring depth of her theological writings, she is one of four women named Doctors of the Church.

Stay anchored in the storm

A change of seasons often brings new routines, shifting schedules, and unexpected demands. When plans change before lunch, an urgent project lands on your desk, or your to-do list grows faster than you can manage, pause. Remember that our lives, our future, our peace, and our hope rest securely in the hands of the One who calmed the storm.

"God is the friend of silence...The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Living the Faith, sharing the Light

Jesus tells us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-15). These images show two aspects of living our faith: preserving the distinctiveness of our faith and making that faith visible in our actions. Both communicate God's love.

Keep the flavor: In the ancient world, salt preserved what was valuable and gave food its flavor. Jesus warns that salt can lose its distinctiveness. Our faith can, too, when distraction, compromise, or indifference weakens our relationship with Him. Prayer is not another obligation to complete. It is time invested in the relationship that gives everything else its meaning.

Light the lamp: Faith is meant to illuminate, offering direction, warmth, and hope. But like a lamp, faith needs fuel. Through the Mass and the sacraments, we are continually renewed in Christ and strengthened by His grace. Nourished by Him, we are called to carry His light beyond the church and into our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities through lives of

compassion, courage, and service.

Share your gifts: God gives each of us different strengths. It can be tempting to keep these gifts to ourselves, yet true humility isn't hiding our gifts but using them to glorify God and serve the Church.

Serve in mercy: The Works of Mercy make our faith concrete. When we are attentively present to those lonely

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

("hungry") for love, support our parish's charitable outreach, or choose goodness over retaliation, we reflect God's love in personal, immediate, and practical ways.

Remember your first love: God calls us to live in His love, and to share it with others. Living in God's love is the secret to preserving the faith and living it well. Our starting and ending point is always God's love for us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is the Confiteor?

The Confiteor is a prayer of repentance we offer at the beginning of Mass to acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy. The word Confiteor means "I confess," reflecting the prayer's opening words: "I confess to almighty God." As we say "through my fault," we strike

our breasts as a physical expression of sorrow and responsibility for our sins. This gesture reminds us that we worship God with both body and soul and helps prepare our hearts to participate more fully in the Eucharist.

Look closely; God is at work

We often expect God to work through dramatic signs or unmistakable miracles. Yet His providence frequently unfolds quietly and gradually. Pope Leo points to Jesus' parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:24-43) as an answer to an enduring question: Where is God, and how is He at work?

God's providence is constant, even when hidden: When events do not unfold as we hoped, we can assume God is absent or inactive. Jesus' parables invite us to trust that He is always at work, especially when His purposes are not immediately visible.

God works through what is small and ordinary: "God favors smallness, a sign of his discreet love, by which he

leaves us free to accept or reject him." For Pope Leo, wheat growing among weeds, yeast leavening dough, and a tiny mustard seed reveal a Kingdom that often advances quietly, patiently, and steadily.

We are called to imitate God: "God's way with us must also become the way in which we live." Building the Kingdom rarely requires extraordinary gestures. It begins with patience in difficulty, resisting rash judgment, fulfilling our responsibilities faithfully, and choosing love when it costs us. These ordinary acts become seeds through which God's Kingdom takes root and grows.

from **S**cripture

Matthew 21:28-32, The "yes" that matters

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first refuses but later repents and goes; the second readily agrees but fails to act. Jesus' point is clear: doing the Father's will matters more than merely professing obedience.

The parable challenges the religious complacency of the Pharisees, whose outward observance did not always reflect a heart open to God. By contrast, tax collectors and public sinners, though once far from God, responded to His mercy with repentance and conversion. Their former "no" became a genuine "yes," demonstrated not simply in words

but in a changed way of life.

This distinction remains essential for Christian discipleship. Faith cannot be reduced to appearances, good intentions, or religious language. A sincere "yes" to God takes concrete form through obedience, charity, repentance, and fidelity to our responsibilities. The parable is therefore both a warning against empty profession and a message of profound hope: our past does not determine our future. Whenever we turn back to God, He receives us with the joy of the shepherd who recovers the lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7).

Q & A How can I go to Confession after a long time away?

The Church encourages regular Confession (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1458), but travel and changing routines can make good spiritual habits easy to neglect. If it has been a while, come home to Reconciliation. Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God waits to welcome, forgive, and restore us.

Prepare your heart: An examination of conscience is more than listing failures. Consider where you have fallen short in loving God and your neighbor. Recognizing what sin has damaged helps begin the work of repair.

The priest will help: Feeling nervous is normal. The priest can guide you through the Sacrament, offer counsel, and help you receive God's mercy with confidence.

Penance begins healing: Penance helps repair the harm caused by our sin and directs us toward conversion and renewed faithfulness.

Grace offers a new beginning: Confession does more than forgive the past. Through absolution, we are reconciled with God and strengthened by grace to resist sin, grow in virtue, and begin again with greater freedom and hope.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings would be a sword piercing her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Today, we can look to her to accompany us in our

sufferings with the same steadfast love.

September 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist (1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). Working for the Romans would have made him unpopular but very rich. Yet St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew, addressed to Jewish converts to Christianity.

September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith. Even in heaven, they continued to care for the sick and poor, as healing miracles were attributed to their prayerful intercession.

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