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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.

Congratulations to all the Winners of the 2026 Fiesta Raffle

1st Prize \$5,000 : Ken Hedrick

2nd Prize \$1,000 : Tim Hagaman

3rd Prize \$750 : Rosie Serna

4th Prize \$500 : Anabelle Lopez

5th Prize \$500 : Ann Lewitke

A big thank you to everyone who sold and purchased tickets. We appreciate your support. Thank you to Ray Padilla for selling the most tickets at 48 tickets.

Sunday Collection for

August 2, 2026: \$4,411.20

(Envelopes: \$3,374.20 Loose: \$1,037.00)

Envelopes used: 104

Cleveland Mission: \$977.00

Thank you for your generosity!

God Bless You!

Altar Society:

August 10, 2026

Elaine Armijo/Barbara Kuehl

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

There will be a 2nd Collection on
August 16th for
Catholic Charities!!

SATURDAY— August 8

4PM Vigil Mass **Guadalupita Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Dale
 People of the Parish

SUNDAY—August 9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + Cenaida M. Pacheco /by family
- + Sam Fore /by Agnes Fore
- + Francisquita & Patrocinio Martinez

11AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + In Honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus for Holy Souls in Purgatory /by David & Barbara Kuehl

5PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- * For the health of Nancy Garcia, Raymond Pacheco, Francisco Martinez & Jeremiah Duran /by Alejandro & Yvonne Montoya

1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-23

MONDAY— August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr 7:30AM Mass

- + Alfonso Griego (Anniv) /by Betty Griego

2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY— August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin 7:30AM Mass

- + Holy Souls in Purgatory & forgotten ones
- + Arnold Trujillo & Kalene Kelly /by Legion of Mary

Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119,14,24,72,103,111,131 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

WEDNESDAY – August 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 7:30AM Mass

- + Phillip Bustos, Josephine & Gabriel Bustos /by Richard & Marsha
- * In Honor of the Infant Jesus for Xavier Denke (B-day) /by David & Barbara
- * Rick & Carmela Alcon (Wedding Anniv) /by David & Barbara

Ez 9:1-7;10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY— August 13 Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr 7:30am Mass

- + Emenencia, Manuel C. Romo, Albina Hurtado & Manuelita Maes by/Evelyn

Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59,61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY— August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr 7:30am Mass

- * Gertie Maurice (B-day), Kevin & Benjamin Vicenti /by Maxine

Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY— August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am Mass

- * Healing for Natasha, Nessa & Moriah Abeyta, Julie Huartson (B-day) /by Inez
- * For a great school year for our students, teachers & support staff /by Inez

Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

SATURDAY— August 15

4PM Vigil Mass **Santiago Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + Alvin J. Vasquez (Anniv) /by Rita & family
- * Prayers for a successful surgery for Lenae Casados Garcia /by Sally Valdez & family

SUNDAY—August 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + Deacon Ray Cordova, Steven & Gabrielle Cordova /by Evelyn
- + Martin, Phillip & Margarito Romero /by Joe & Margaret
- + Alvin Vasquez (Anniv) /by family

11AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

- + Samuel Romero /by family
- * Willie Abeyta (B-day), + Loretta, William & George Abeyta (Anniv) /by Inez
- + Mary & Joe Lucero (Anniv), Celia Madrid & Effie Maes /by Inez
- * Addie Maestas, Evelyn Sanchez & Lynn Lujan /by Inez

5PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dale

People of the Parish

- + Emenencia, Manuel C. Romo & Manuel Romo Sr. /by Evelyn
- * For the health of Raymond Pacheco /by Liz & Robert DeHerrera

Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Registration for Catechism and Confirmation

It's that time of the year to start registering your children for the upcoming Catechism and Confirmation classes. Classes will begin in September. You can pick up a registration form in the lobby of the Church or at the Parish Office.

**Catechists Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to serve as catechists & catechist assistants, for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested or need more information, please call Cindy Branch, DRE, at the Parish Office 575-387-2336, or via email at stgertrudes.dre.mora@gmail.com.

We will be having an orientation luncheon for individuals interested in becoming catechists, after the 11am Mass on Sunday, August 16th at the Parish Hall. Thank you for answering God's call to serve the children and families of our parish community.

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)

Santiago Mass	Holman Mass	Monte Aplanado Funcion
Alto del Talco	Immac. Heart of Mary	Santo Niño de Atocha
August 15th	August 22nd	September 5th
4pm	4pm	4pm

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: Every Wednesday at 6PM in the Pastoral Center. 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, August 11th. [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 10am in the Pastoral Center for faith and fellowship. Please join us.

FRANCISCAN MEDITATION

A Relational God The Franciscan heart

Relationship is born between persons and flows from a deep desire to live not for oneself, but for the Other. It is not sustained by emotion alone, but grounded in the dignity of being a person. For a relationship to be genuine, it must involve both self-gift and openness to receive. In this way, a person allows themselves to be formed by love while also taking responsibility for the good of the other.

From a Franciscan perspective, the human person is created as a relational being, reflecting the very life of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, an eternal communion of love. This is why prayer is not merely a practice, but a living encounter. It arises from this identity and becomes a response to God who continually invites us into relationship.

We see this beautifully in the story of Moses approaching the burning bush. His simple movement toward the mystery is met by God's personal call. God speaks his name. In that moment, relationship is awakened "I Am" meeting the one who is called to stand before Him.

God always takes the first step. He draws near, stirs the heart, and awakens the desire to respond. Prayer, then, is not something we initiate on our own, but a response to being first loved. This calls us to a life of simplicity, attentiveness, and openness, to become people who listen, receive, and respond with love.



Ministry Schedule

August 15th 4pm
SANTIAGO MASS

August 16th 9am
Lectors: Phyllis Martinez
Choir: Mi Señora de Guadalupe
Server:
EU Ministers: Dcn Eloy, Sr. Mary Teresa & Sr. Esperanza
Mayordomos: William & Monica Romero

August 16th 11am
Lector: Virginia Taylor
Choir: St. Michael
Server:
EU Ministers: Dcn Clarence, Patrick & Loretta Ashe
Mayordomos: Jesus & Rhonda Baquera

August 16th 5pm
Lector: Joaquin Romero
Choir: St. Francis
Server:
EU Ministers: Anabelle Lopez
Mayordomos: Garrick & Jessica Martinez



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Please pray for Baby Clorinda Casados, that God gives her comfort & healing and pray for peace for her family.

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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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August 2026

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church
Father Dale Craig, S.O.L.T., Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Although born into wealth, St. Bernard desired a life of simplicity, holiness, and austerity. Born in 1090 in Fontaines, France, he entered the monastery at Cîteaux in his twenties, followed by most of his family. Recognizing his holiness and noting the overcrowding of the monastery, the abbot sent St. Bernard to establish a new monastery in Clairvaux. St. Bernard went on to found monasteries for nuns, worked for the Holy See, and preached the Second Crusade.

More than the mission

No matter our age, we all need to hear these words: "I love you without measure." At the Transfiguration, the Father declared of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17:5). He means those words for us as well. Before all else, we are God's beloved children.

Significantly, the Father speaks these words before Jesus goes to the Cross, before His saving mission is complete. We often reverse that order, allowing our identity to depend on our accomplishments or faithfulness. We assume God will love us once we have fulfilled our mission. But the Gospel reveals the opposite. God's love is not earned but freely given. Our mission flows from our identity, not the other way around.

"For I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

Be Like Christ. Love Like Christ.

What does it mean to "be like Christ" in the context of our everyday lives? The key is to love as He loves. Here are five practical ways to love like Jesus.

Learn His pattern. The Gospels show us how Jesus responded to the sick, the brokenhearted, the marginalized, and even His enemies. Scripture provides the pattern, while prayer and the Sacraments provide the grace to live it. The more we immerse ourselves in Christ's life, the more naturally His way of loving becomes our own.

Cultivate His heart. Jesus describes Himself as "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). His humility comes from His complete obedience to the Father's will. His gentleness is strength under perfect self-control, expressed in His patience, mercy, and compassion, even toward those who rejected Him. As we imitate His way of love, our own hearts are slowly transformed as His.

Show genuine interest. Jesus often asked open-ended questions, not because He lacked the answers, but to draw people out. "What do you seek?" (John 1:38). "What are you discussing

with each other?" (Luke 24:17) Genuine love begins with genuine interest. Asking thoughtful questions communicates that people are seen, heard, and valued.

Choose the charitable interpretation. St. Theresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart wrote, "If the actions of our neighbors have a hundred sides, we ought always to look at them on the best side." Love resists rushing to judgment and gives others the benefit of the doubt, creating space for understanding rather than

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

suspicion.

Always act out of love. St. Paul exhorts us, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Jesus lived every moment in perfect love for His Father and for us. Love was not merely one aspect of His life; it was the motive behind everything He did. Following Christ means allowing love to shape not only our greatest sacrifices but also our smallest daily actions.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray formula prayers?

Formula prayers are not a substitute for personal prayer but a time-tested way of entering into it and deepening it. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He gave them the Our Father (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), a prayer to be prayed repeatedly. Scripture also contains many communal prayers, especially the Psalms, which

served as Israel's prayer book and remain the Church's today. By praying these inspired words, Catholics join generations of believers in worship. Whether at Mass or beside a hospital bed, formula prayers unite the faithful, expressing not only personal devotion but also the shared faith of the whole Church.

What to do when you don't feel like praying

Not feeling like praying is something even faithful Christians experience. In fact, seasons of dryness can be a normal part of spiritual growth. While they may have different causes, they do not necessarily mean something is wrong. Here are three ways to respond:

Pray about not wanting to pray. Bring your reluctance to God. You don't have to overcome your feelings before coming to Him. Honest prayer is still prayer, and God meets you with love exactly where you are.

Keep it simple. We value brief messages from those we love: "I love you," "Good luck today," or "Thinking of you."

Prayer can be that simple. The goal is relationship, not length. A heartfelt "God, help me," "Jesus, I trust in You," or "Come, Holy Spirit" is enough.

Choose presence over performance. Approach prayer the way you would spending time with a close friend. We don't cancel plans with someone we love simply because we're tired.

In the same way, keep showing up. God delights in your company (Proverbs 8:31). He is not looking for a perfect performance but for a heart that continues to seek Him, even when prayer feels dry or difficult.

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, God's ways are not our ways

At first glance, this passage seems like bad news. Jesus predicts His own death, a revelation that must have stunned the disciples. They had just come to recognize Him as the long-awaited Messiah. Instead of leading a triumphant victory over Rome, Jesus spoke of suffering, rejection, and execution. To them, it looked like failure, not triumph.

Peter responded as many of us do when faced with suffering: he resisted the Cross. He wanted Jesus to avoid it and was sharply rebuked. Yet had Jesus turned aside, we would have remained

in our sins, separated from God. Instead, He freely embraced the Cross. He chose us. From the perspective of the Resurrection, what appeared to be defeat was in fact Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

God desires our happiness, not merely our temporary comfort. He desires our eternal joy. The Christian life is not about avoiding the crosses God permits but embracing them with trust, as Jesus did. And we never carry them alone. Christ walks beside us, bearing the heavier end of every cross.

Q & A Can the Pope make mistakes if he's infallible?

Yes. The pope is human and, like anyone else, can make mistakes in his personal opinions, decisions, or everyday statements. Papal infallibility does not mean the pope is incapable of error. Rather, it means that, under specific conditions, the Holy Spirit preserves him from definitively teaching error in matters of faith and morals (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891).

Papal infallibility applies only when the pope is:

Defining a doctrine of faith or morals. The teaching must concern divine revelation or truths closely connected to it. It does not apply to scientific claims, political views, interviews, homilies, or personal opinions. For example, in 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the dogma of Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Speaking ex cathedra ("from the chair"). The pope must speak in his official capacity as the successor of St. Peter and clearly intend to proclaim a doctrine that is binding on the entire Church. In *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII explicitly invoked his apostolic authority to "pronounce, declare, and define" the Assumption as a divinely revealed dogma.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 7—St. Cajetan (1547). St. Cajetan was born in Italy to a noble family. He went on to study civil and canon (Church) law at the University of Padua. He worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

August 9—St. Edith Stein (1942). Formerly Jewish, she was an atheist intellectual in Germany. After studying St. Teresa of Ávila, she converted to Catholicism, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her from the Nazis, she was taken to and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15—The Assumption of Mary. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. This feast highlights the Church's respect for the dignity of the body in view of our future resurrection. Note: This year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

August 24—St. Bartholomew (First Century). One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium.

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