

MASS INTENTIONS & MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday August 15

6:00pm For the Parishioners
LECTOR: Wade Bell EM: Shannon/Angel

Sunday August 16 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Special intention by Mike & Christine Diaz & family
+Bennie & Jeanna Maldonado by Maldonado, Castillo & Marquez Families
+Carmen Sandoval Lozano birthday remembrance by Kico & Cynthia Lozano
+Eddie & Evie Martinez by Mother Magda
LECTOR: Cynthia/Dan Fruchey EM: Eugenia/Mark/Donna

11:00am Esperanza Rivera Perez & Maurilio Rivera Reyes by familia Rivera
+Joaquin Sanchez & Soledad Ledesma de Sanchez by familia Sanchez
+Carmen Sandoval Lozano 13 yr. anniversary by Nancy Chacon
LECTOR: Alondra/Maria Garcia EM: Sister of HNSG/Catalina

Monday August 17

5:15pm Blessings for Barbara Paredes BeBe Sarmiento & Esther Candelaria

Tuesday August 18

5:15pm Father Pio by Betty
Living & deceased members of Maestas family by Gloria Saucedo

Wednesday August 19

5:15pm All Adorers who come to Casa Reina by Mother Magda
Living & deceased members of Garcia & Chavez families, relatives & friends by Antoinette

Thursday August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

5:15pm +David Rocco by Mary Rocco
+Lucy Aguayo birthday remembrance by Aguayo family

Friday August 21 - St. Pius X Pope

5:15pm +Pedro Beltran 1 year anniversary by Rita Beltran & family

Saturday August 22

6:00pm Health of Yolanda Ponce by Alfonso & Josie Romero
+Art Macias 1 year anniversary by Rick Macias
LECTOR: Patt Luna EM: Rick/Angel

Sunday August 23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the Parishioners
LECTOR: Cece Dominguez/Maria Gobencion EM: Cynthia/Mark/Lavinia

11:00am Esperanza Rivera Perez & Maurilio Rivera Reyes by familia Rivera
+Joaquin Sanchez & Soledad Ledesma de Sanchez by familia Sanchez
LECTOR: Sister of HNSG/Mari Arreguin EM: Sister of HNSG/Esperanza

BISHOP WALL'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Students & Teachers / Para Estudiantes y Profesores

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 15-16, 2026 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASSES:

6pm Sat (Anticipatory - English)
9am Sun (English)
11am Sun (Español)

DAILY MASS:

5:15pm Monday - Friday (English)

CONFESSIONS:

4-5pm Saturday or by appt.

OFFICE PHONE: (505) 863-3033

OFFICE HOURS: Tues - Fri (9am - 1pm)

Pastor: Fr. Josh Mayer

Parochial Vicar: Fr. David Tate

Religious Education:

Mother Rosa - (505) 862-3927

For sacramental emergencies:

(505) 297-3943 to reach a priest

No Second Collection This Weekend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2026-2027 Religious Education Year will begin in September!**
- **CCD - Ages 16 and under.** Opening Mass will be September 10th at 6pm. Signups will be Tues Sept 1 - Friday Sept 4 in the School.
- **OCIA - Ages 17 and up.** If you would desire to become Catholic, or receive any sacraments you missed when you were younger, please contact the office to sign up! Start date and details to be announced later.
- Matachines practice will be in the church after 11am Mass this Sunday.
- **Online giving for St. Francis of Assisi Parish is now available via www.stfrancisgallup.com.**
- August Is Make-a-Will Month: Every August, the legal profession encourages Americans to write their Will. Most American adults still do not have one. Most Catholic families assume it will require a lawyer and a thousand dollars. It does not. A free Catholic Will, built with attorneys and Canon Law experts, takes 30 minutes. No appointment. No retainer. Built by Relevant Radio as a ministry, not a business. “The good leave an inheritance to their children’s children.” (Proverbs 13:22)
Free Catholic Will at CatholicLegacy.com. Questions? Contact Catholic Peoples Foundation at 505-726-8295.

AVISOS

- **¡El año de educación religiosa 2026-2027 comenzará en septiembre!**
- **CCD (para menores de 16 años):** La Misa de apertura será el 10 de septiembre a las 6:00 p. m. Las inscripciones se realizarán en la escuela, desde el martes 1 de septiembre hasta el viernes 4 de septiembre.
- **OCIA (para mayores de 17 años):** Si desea convertirse al catolicismo o recibir algún sacramento que no recibió en su juventud, ¡comuníquese con la oficina para inscribirse! La fecha de inicio y los detalles se anunciarán más adelante.
- El ensayo de los matachines será en la iglesia después de la misa de las 11:00 a. m. este domingo.
- **Ya está disponible la opción de realizar donaciones en línea para la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís a través de www.stfrancisgallup.com.**
- Agosto es el mes para hacer testamento: cada mes de agosto, la comunidad jurídica anima a los estadounidenses a redactar su testamento. La mayoría de los adultos estadounidenses aún no tiene uno. Muchas familias católicas suponen que esto requiere un abogado y mil dólares, pero no es así. Existe un testamento católico gratuito —elaborado con la colaboración de abogados y expertos en Derecho Canónico— que se puede completar en 30 minutos. Sin citas ni pagos por adelantado. Es una iniciativa de Relevant Radio concebida como un ministerio, no como un negocio. «El hombre de bien deja herencia a los hijos de sus hijos» (Proverbios 13:22). Obtenga su testamento católico gratuito en CatholicLegacy.com. ¿Tiene preguntas? Comuníquese con la Catholic Peoples Foundation al 505-726-8295.
- **Las clases de inglés se reanudarán este lunes y martes, de 5 a 8 p. m. La ubicación ha cambiado: ahora las clases se impartirán en la oficina parroquial.**

ST. FRANCIS FIESTA PREPARATION

2026 marks the **800th anniversary of the death** (Transitus) of St. Francis! Our fiesta (**October 4th**) will be a truly special celebration. We invite all current volunteers, and everyone interested in helping to attend our next planning meeting on **Thursday, July 23rd, at 6:30pm in San Damiano Hall**. We would love to have your ideas, talent, and support as we prepare for this memorable occasion.

- For more information, please contact **Janelle Salaz** at (505) 728-6074.
- Raffle are available! Contact the office or Fran Palochak at (505) 879-6570 to help sell.



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

August 2, 2026 - Regular Collection: \$2593 Catholic Communications: \$815



excerpt from an Angelus Address of POPE FRANCIS Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 16 August 2020



This Sunday’s Gospel (see *Mt* 15:21-28) describes the meeting between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. Jesus is to the north of Galilee, in foreign territory. The woman was not Jewish, she was Canaanite. Jesus is there to spend some time with His disciples away from the crowds, from the crowds whose numbers are always growing. And behold, a woman approached Him seeking help for her sick daughter: “Have mercy on me, Lord!” (v. 22). It is the cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering, from the sense of the helplessness of a mamma who sees her daughter tormented by evil who cannot be healed; she cannot heal her. Jesus initially ignores her, but this mother insists; she insists, even when the Master says to the disciples that His mission is directed only to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (v. 24) and not to the pagans. She continues to beg Him, and at that point, He puts her to the test, citing a proverb. It’s a bit...this seems almost a bit cruel, but she puts her to the test: “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs” (v. 26). And right away, the woman, quick, anguished, responds: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table” (v. 27).

And with these words, that mother shows that she has perceived the goodness of the Most High God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus’s heart and provokes words of admiration: “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish” (v. 28). What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord’s feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning.



El Evangelio de este domingo (cfr. *Mt* 15, 21-28) describe el encuentro entre Jesús y una mujer cananea. Jesús está al norte de Galilea, en territorio extranjero, para estar con sus discípulos un poco alejado de las multitudes, que lo buscan cada vez más numerosas. Y entonces se acerca una mujer que implora ayuda para la hija enferma: «¡Ten piedad de mí, Señor!» (v. 22). Es el grito que nace de una vida marcada por el sufrimiento, por el sentido de impotencia de una madre que ve a la hija atormentada por el mal y no puede curarla. Jesús al principio la ignora, pero esta madre insiste, insiste, también cuando el Maestro dice a los discípulos que su misión está dirigida solamente a las «ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel» (v. 24) y no a los paganos. Ella le sigue suplicando, y Él, a este punto, la pone a prueba citando un proverbio —parece casi un poco cruel esto— : «No está bien tomar el pan de los hijos y echárselo a los perritos» (v. 26). Y la mujer enseguida, despierta, angustiada, responde: «Sí, Señor, pero también los perritos comen de las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos» (v. 27).

Con estas palabras esta madre demuestra haber intuido que la bondad del Dios Altísimo, presente en Jesús, está abierta a toda necesidad de sus criaturas. Esta sabiduría plena de confianza toca el corazón de Jesús y le arrebató palabras de admiración: «Mujer, grande es tu fe; que te suceda como deseas» (v. 28). ¿Cuál es la fe grande? La fe grande es aquella que lleva la propia historia, marcada también por las heridas, a los pies del Señor pidiéndole que la sane, que le dé sentido.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS at ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- **INFANT and CHILD BAPTISM:** For ages 6 and under, please contact the office to arrange Baptism, classes, etc.
For children ages 7 and up, please sign up for CCD classes, which begin late Summer/early Fall.
- **CHILD CONFIRMATION and/or FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Children generally receive Confirmation and make their First Holy Communion at the same Mass, celebrated by the Bishop. The usual age is 3rd Grade. Please sign up for CCD classes, and contact Mother Rosa for any questions.
- **ADULT BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** For adults who would like to be baptized, received into the Church, or receive Sacraments that they did not receive as a child, please contact the office to speak with the pastor about your situation. The usual path in these cases is to attend OCIA Classes, which begin in the fall and last until Easter.
- **HOLY MATRIMONY:** The Diocese of Gallup requires a 9 month period from the initial marriage planning meeting until the date of Holy Matrimony, so please make sure to begin your planning process with the office with sufficient time before the date you would like. Contact the office to set up an initial meeting with the pastor.

EACH WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday after 5:15pm Mass – Rosary in Spanish (in the Church)
Wednesday 7pm – Holy Hour in Spanish (at Misión San Jose in Gamerco)
Friday after 5:15pm Mass – Rosary in English (in the Church)