♥ And kids at heart! ♥
t the little children come to me." Mt. 9:14

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that following him can sometimes be hard. Jesus invites us to live in peace. But he also calls us to make good choices and do what is right. Being Jesus' follower means we wouldn't make a bad choice just to make someone else happy. We wouldn't leave out someone because another friend asks us to. Following Jesus might, be hard sometimes, but making good choices helps us be closer to God and have peaceful hearts and minds.

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GIVE HOUSE **JESUS BLESSED**

PRACTICE

HEALED REJECT HEART **DISCIPLES**

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JUDGE **APOSTLES** LOVE REWARD

Good

Doing The Right Thing, Even When No One Is Watching!



My Prayers

BE THANKFUL God, thank you for

Thank you for loving me and watching over me.

PRAY FOR YOUR DAY

Thank you for being everywhere with me. God I pray that you keep me safe. I pray for your peace over my day today.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

I pray that my family and friends will encounter your love.

YOURSELF

God, I pray that you help me make the right choices. Help me understand what is right and wrong. Help me with

CONFESS YOUR SINS

Sorry God for

Help me to obey your word.

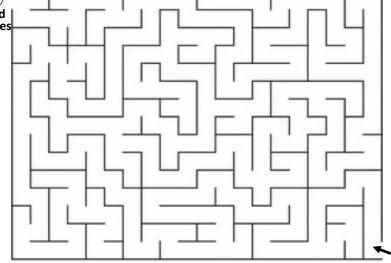
FORGIVE OTHERS

God today I choose to forgive

name. Amen

God Heal this hurt in my heart In Jesus

FOLLOW THE MAZE TO GOOD CHOICES



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August 17, 2025 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the

decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.



Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor Deacon Mark Bussemeier Deacon Manuel Garcia Deacon Tim Parker

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m. until the beginning of Mass Saturday at 3:00pm

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Saturday, August 16th

4:00pm - + Fay Montoya, + Allen Luchetti, + James Mc Bride, Special intention for Mark Jones

Sunday, August 17th

7:00am - + Prudence Merendino, In thanksgiving to St. Jude

9:00am - + Evilesse Cates, + Nellie Rael & family, Gay Tierney & Christian Picado, + Linda Herrera,

+ Zachary Casaus

11:00am - + Dan Koleske

Monday, August 18th

Tuesday, August 19th 11:30am - + Cipory & HB Cordova

Wednesday, August 20th 7:00am - For the People

Thursday, August 21st

11:30am - + Evelyn Orosco, + Brian Torres, + Alfia Aragon, + Mary Catherine Fordice

Friday, August 22nd



This weekend's second collection to benefit Catholic Charitie's

At Catholic Charities, we serve all with open hearts and unwavering compassion, guided by the belief that love is the foundation of true justice. In times of darkness and uncertainty, our mission shines brighter-because, as Romans 13:10 reminds us, "Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Your support of the Second Collection during this Jubilee Holy Year helps carry that light forward, ensuring this sacred work continues-bringing hope, healing, and dignity to our neighbors and communities throughout the state.

Learn more about our programs, centers, and services at www.ccasfnm.org.

Together, we can continue building a stronger, more compassionate New Mexico.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 18th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Tuesday, August 19th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4 Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

Wednesday, August 20th

Mass 7:00am

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Season's of Hope Grief Support 3:30pm, Youth Center

Thursday, August 21st

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am

Friday, August 22nd

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Saturday, August 23rd

Confessions 3:00pm Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4 Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, August 24th

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Young Adults Lectio Divina after 11:00am Mass, Youth Center

Pray for the Faithful Departed



+ Linda M. Herrera + Bernice P. Vigil Evelyn L. Andrews + Darrel M. Gustin

> Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.









Children's K-5th Grade Faith Formation

We welcome all Kindergarteners through 5th grade to our program. You may find registration forms in the lobby or on our website.

Call Tes in the office for more information.

Youth 6th-12th Grade Faith Formation & Confirmation

Registration is now open for Middle School & High School Youth Group, Confirmation Prep & Confirmation.

Please remember that Confirmation is a required two year program by the Archdiocese.

Take advantage of the Youth Faith Formation new totally online registration on

the parish website!

www.risensaviorcc.org

We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:

Sofia Blackwood · Daniel Miranda · Gynelle Miranda · Roquel Rodriguez · Anna Gallegos · Peter Maioriello · Donna Harris · Marianne Nichols · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Mary Beth · Armando Mares · Pat Dubois · Haydee Mata · Rosalina Borremeo · Marie R.L. Dias · Carolyn Swift · Judy Bussemeier

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the parish office, or submit your request through our parish website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

Weekly Votive Intentions August 16th - August 22nd

Immaculate Heart of Mary For the health & healing of Miss Loretta

St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!

Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.



IT'S A BABY SHOWER!

The Risen Savior Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Baby Shower luncheon. Are you an expectant mom in need of community, support, or supplies? Do you know

someone who is? Parishioners are invited to refer a mother by calling Susan Velazguez at 505-710-3986 by September 8th to RSVP. The Baby Shower celebration will take place on Saturday, September 20th, from 11am - 1 pm in the Youth Center. The mother may bring a quest with her.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5



This ministry is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. We pray, read scriptures and share our stories.

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Our next meeting will be held on August 20th from 3:30-5:00pm in the Youth Center

Feel free to email Dave and Juli Armijo if you have any questions or comments at juli.koleske@gmail.com.

Fueling the Mission of Christ and His Church Preaching the Gospel, Serving the Poor and Making Disciples

As a former Catholic missionary in Peru, I know firsthand the joys and challenges of life on mission. Today, I serve as a Member Care Facilitator with Family Missions Company, walking alongside missionaries around the world—offering spiritual support, encouragement, and care so they can thrive in their calling.



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- familymissionscompany.com/project/aayoung/
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Thank you for helping me care for the missionaries who care for the world.

"God wastes nothing—and He is using my experience and training to pour back into those He sends." Alexis Young

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Morality

The most basic principle of the Christian moral life is the awareness that every person bears the dignity of being made in the image of God. He has given us an immortal soul and through the gifts of intelligence and reason enables us to understand the order of things

established in his creation. God has also given us a free will to seek and love what is true, good, and beautiful. Sadly, because of the Fall, we also suffer the impact of Original Sin, which darkens our minds, weakens our wills, and inclines us to sin. Baptism delivers us from Original Sin but not from its effects—especially the inclination to sin, concupiscence. Within us, then, is both the powerful surge toward the good because we are made in the image of God, and the darker impulses toward evil because of the effects of Origi-

But we should always remember that Christ's dying and rising offers us new life in the Spirit, whose saving grace delivers us from sin and heals sin's damage within us. Thus we speak of the value, dignity, and goal of human life, even with its imperfections and struggles. Human life, as a profound unity of physical and spiritual dimensions, is sacred. It is distinct from all other forms of life, since it alone is imprinted with the very image of its Creator.

The second element of life in Christ is the responsible practice of freedom. Without freedom, we cannot speak meaningfully about morality or moral responsibility. Human freedom is more than a capacity to choose between this and that. It is the God-given power to become who he created us to be and so to share eternal union with him. This happens when we consistently choose ways that are in harmony with God's plan. Christian morality and God's law are not arbitrary, but specifically given to us for our happiness. God gave us intelligence and the capacity to act freely. Ultimately, human freedom lies in our free decision to say "yes" to God. In contrast, many people today understand human freedom merely as the ability to make a choice, with no objective norm or good as the goal.

Another important foundation of Christian morality is the understanding of moral acts. Every moral act consists of three elements: the objective act (what we do), the subjective goal or intention (why we do the act), and the concrete situation or circumstances in which we perform the act (where, when, how, with whom, the consequences, etc.).

For an individual act to be morally good, the object, or what we are doing, must be objectively good. Some acts, apart from the intention or reason for doing them, are always wrong because they go against a fundamental or basic human good that ought never to be compromised. Direct killing of the innocent, torture, and rape are examples of acts that are always wrong. Such acts are referred to as intrinsically evil acts, meaning that they are wrong in themselves, apart from the reason they are done or the circumstances sur-

The goal, end, or intention is the part of the moral act that lies within the person. For this reason, we say that the intention is the subjective element of the moral act. For an act to be morally good, one's intention must be good. If we are motivated to do something by a bad intention—even something that is objectively good—our action is morally evil. It must also be recognized that a good intention cannot make a bad action (something intrinsically evil) good. We can never do something wrong or evil in order to bring about a good. This is the meaning of the saying, "the end does not justify the means" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1749-1761).



The Youth Faith Formation Program has many things to be thankful for!

Through the support of our parishioners and a very generous donation, all our coffee has been purchased.

The donation for the remaining coffee was made by Ms. Rachel Donovan. Rachel is a blessing to the Albuguerque community. Rachel and her church volunteers have been working with our youth group for several years during our blessing bag project. She gives of her time to take our blessing bags to the homeless around Albuquerque and pray with them as well as give them any help or resources they may be willing to accept. This is only one of the few ministries Rachel does in our community.

May God continue to bless Ms. Rachel for her work in the name of our Lord. The Risen Savior Youth Faith Formation program is grateful for all that she has done for us!