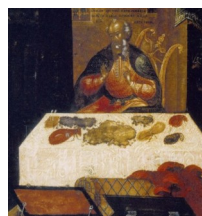


Old San Miguel Mission

One of The Oldest Catholic Churches in the United States



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

“Take care to guard against all greed”

—Luke 12:15

SACRAMENTS

To receive Sacraments at San Miguel Church, you must be registered and active at the Parish. If you are unsure if you are registered, please contact the Parish Office to verify.

Baptism: Pre-baptism instruction is required for parents and god-parents. Sponsors/godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, at least 16 years of age, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation and if married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If the godparent is single, they must not be co-habiting. Parents and godparents must attend baptismal classes before the baptism of the child. **The next class is August 7, 2025.** Parents must register their child at least two weeks before attending class. Contact the office for additional information.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: This is a two-year program that begins in the 2nd grade. Contact the Religious Education director for additional information.

Confirmation: This is a two-year program that begins in the 8th grade. Those teens who are registering for Confirmation classes must be Baptized and have received their 1st Holy Communion. Contact the Religious Education director at the Parish Office for additional information.

Marriage: Couples who plan to marry at San Miguel Church must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. A mandatory pre-marriage program is required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Mass: The cost for funeral services is \$150. Please contact the office for additional information and to coordinate services as soon as possible.

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Anasiudu Pastor
Deacon Miguel Ybarra OCIA
Deacon Nick Keller Newman Center
Deacon Jerry Griego Altar Servers
Christina Romero Religious Education
Belinda Green Admin Asst/Bookkeeper
Christina Carnagey Lead Sacristan
Lala Chavez Bereavement & Funerals
Barbara Martinez & Tina Garcia Gift Shop

PARISH COUNCIL

Frank Lewark President
Bernadette Zamora Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Mass of Anticipation

Sunday: 8:00 AM (Spanish)
10:00 AM (English)

12:00 Noon
St. Mary Magdalene (Magdalena)

Monday 5:30 PM (Communion Service)

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday—Friday 9:00 AM

Note: Funerals supersede daily Masses. Where possible this will be noted on the time schedule of the Mass Intentions for the week.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

San Miguel: Saturday, 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM
St. Mary Magdalene-Magdalena: Sunday before Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in the Church following the 9:00AM Mass until 10:30AM. In the event of a funeral, adoration will follow the funeral.

SAN MIGUEL GIFT SHOP

Tuesday: 11:00 AM—1:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon
or call

Tina Garcia (575) 418-1665 or Barb Martinez (505) 730-2185

NEWMAN (New Mexico Tech Students)

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. @ St. Patrick's Newman Center
801 School of Mines Rd.

Mass is celebrated every first Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Newman Center Chapel when school is in session.

Annual Catholic Appeal — 2025

The Annual Catholic Appeal is ongoing
San Miguel's ACA goal is \$19,500
Total Pledged so far is \$19,365 (Total Paid \$16,975)

Information for online donations can be accessed through the
ACA website at: www.acaarchdiosf.org

Please be Generous

Any amount donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal that is over
our goal comes back to San Miguel.

Thank You for your contributions!

Who is Qoheleth?

Today's first reading, from the Old Testament, comes from the book of Ecclesiastes and begins with a verse spoken by a narrator, the rest of the book is spoken by the person Qoheleth (pronounced *ko-HEH-leth*), who the narrator explains is King David's son, and is King Solomon. Qoheleth is a title and is most often translated as "the Preacher" (RSVCE, KJV) but is better described as "the one who calls together an assembly", assembly being the word used in the Old Testament for the people of God in general or more specifically, the people of God gathered together, what we would call a congregation. The word in Greek is *ekklēsia* from which we get both the title *Ekklēsiastēs* which in Latin is Ecclesiastes and the word *church*.

In our Bible, the book of Ecclesiastes is situated within the group of books called the *Wisdom Books*, so called because they focus on the pursuit, meaning, and application of divine wisdom, that is, living a life in harmony with God's will by seeking to know that will especially through reflection, and practicing it through moral living and charity. The Wisdom books are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach. These books address profound questions about life, suffering, justice, human behavior, and the nature of God. The spiritual writers noted that the order of three of the wisdom books matched each book's utilization in the path we should take for progress in our spiritual life. The purgative way can be found in the teaching of Proverbs, the illuminative way is found in the teachings of Ecclesiastes and the unitive way in the Song of Solomon.

Ecclesiastes is not a typical Biblical book. John Bergsma and Brant Pitre describe King Solomon as "engaging in a philosophical thought-experiment about the meaning of life that leads him to the brink of despondency." That said, the Church and the faithful throughout the ages have found it to be a book that brings comfort and emotional release. Notable spiritual writers like St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Teresa of Ávila, Thomas à Kempis and many others recommend meditating on it to aid in the detachment from the things of this world and its fleeting pleasures. They also point out that Ecclesiastes, even though it wasn't composed for this purpose, could in theory be performed as "a one-man, one-act play, introduced and concluded by a narrator. After a brief introduction by the narrator, a speaker calling himself "Qoheleth" strides onto the stage to deliver a series of powerful and poetic soliloquies, at the conclusion of which the curtain falls and the narrator's voice summarizes the message of the dramatic monologue for the audience."

In the verses we read today Qoheleth speaks about vanity.

MINISTRIES & SPECIAL CLASSES

Legion of Mary: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. @ the San Miguel Church Office Conference Room. For information on Pilgrim Virgin visits, enthronements, and home visits for the sick and shut ins, call: Beatrice Zamora @ 575-517-5246

Catholic Daughters: Every Second Monday of the Month. 6:00 p.m. — San Miguel Parish Hall. For information please call Patricia Landavazo @ 575-418-7062

Knights of Columbus: Second Wednesday of the Month @ 6:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Highway 60 West. Corporate Communion every 2nd Sunday of the Month @ 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Today, we think of vanity as a disordered self-love or over attention to one's appearance. However, Qoheleth is speaking more about the fleeting nature of the things of this world. The Hebrew word being used is *hebel*, meaning a mist, vapor or breath. It speaks to the ephemeral nature of the things of this world. Intriguingly, *hebel* is the name of Adam and Eve's firstborn child Abel, whose life was also fleeting.

Ecclesiastes also influenced art during the medieval period. Many artists would incorporate symbols relating to the finite nature of our lives such as a skull, hourglass or wilted flowers. A Latin term became popular to describe this ephemerality, *Memento mori*, "Remember you must die". Presented, not as a threat but as a reminder of the words of Ecclesiastes that all life, and the things in it are fleeting, like the mist. An example of this is below. In the work titled *St. Jerome in his study* by Albrecht Durer (1514) it depicts the place where Jerome translated the Bible into Latin. See if you can find the hourglass and skull.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, August 4, 2025		
9:00 AM Time Change	Return to the Faith of All Prodigal Sons & Daughters	By: Prayerful Parents
	+ Richard (Richie) Zamora, Jr.	By: His Family
	+ Eugene "Geno" Torres	By: His Wife
Tuesday, August 5, 2025		
5:30 PM Time Change		
COMMUNION SERVICE		
Wednesday, August 6, 2025		
9:00 AM	+ Lupe Montoya	By: Briant & Maria Lawson
	+ Xavier Vega (13th Ann)	By: Dickie Torres
	+ Theresa Rios	By: Liz Vallejos
Thursday, August 7, 2025		
9:00 AM	+ Phillip Anaya	By: Kim Padilla
	+ Richard A. Carver	By: Adolfo G. Baca & Family
	+ Joe C. Montoya, Jr.	By: Kim Padilla & Desiree
Friday, August 8, 2025		
9:00 AM	+ Danny Trujillo	By: Don & Rosie Tripp
	+ David Flores (9th Ann)	By: Max & Enedina Vargas
	+ For the Health of Annemarie	By: Mom & Stella
Saturday, August 9, 2025		
5:00 PM	+ Donald & Mary Chavez	By: Christine Chavez
	+ Andrew B. Sanchez	By: His Wife & Family
	+ Petrita Torres (32nd Ann)	By: Dickie Torres
	+ Ulibarri-Keller Families	By: Deacon Nick & Nadine
	+ David Grandjean	By: Valerie Moore
	+ Orville Moore	By: Valerie Moore
Sunday, August 10, 2025		
8:00 AM	+ Rachael Olivia Green (11th Ann)	By: Belinda Green & Jared
	+ Jonathan Patrick Torres	By: Patricia Landavazo
	+ Joe C. Montoya, Jr.	By: Richard Torres
Sunday, August 10, 2025		
10:00 AM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	
	+ George Salome, Sr.	By: JoAnn
	+ Lawrence Torres	By: Randy & Kaye Torres
	+ Carl D'Agostino, Jr.	By: James & Bernice D'Agostino
Sunday, August 10, 2025 - St. Mary Magdalene, Magdalena		
12:00 Noon	+ Lorenzo Zamora	By: Kerr Family
	+ Bacilio & Mela Gomez	By: Corine Sanchez & Juan Malvido
	+ Adan Rivera	By: Rebecca Apachito & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest	White
	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21	
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36	
Wednesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	White
	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36	
Thursday	Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23	
Friday	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest	White
	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28	
Saturday	Mass of Anticipation for Sunday Obligation	Green
	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Wis 18:6-9/Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48	
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Green
	Wis 18:6-9/Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48	
Donations: July 26 & 27, 2025		Thank You
San Miguel - Regular	3341.71	
Catholic Charities	20.00	
Assumption of Mary	10.00	
Mission Trust Fund:	50.00	
St. Mary Magdalene - Regular	650.57	
Catholic Charities	15.00	
St. Mary Magdalene Fiesta	4524.00	
Total		\$8,611.28
SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS		
1 In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord in Heaven	By: Belinda & Jared	
2 For the Souls of John A. Armijo Jr. & Walter Ulibarri & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez	By: Shella & Family	
3 For the Souls of Walter Ulibarri & John A. Armijo & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez	By: Sally & Demitra	
4 For the Soul of Annie Anaya	By: Aldolfo Baca & Family	
5 For the Soul of Florencia Baca	By: Aldolfo Baca & Family	
6 For the Souls of Benny & Atochita Chavez	By: The Family	
7 For the Soul of Marcella Archuleta	By: Eric Archuleta	
8 For the Soul of Rufina Gonzales	By: Eric Archuleta	
9 For the Soul of Annie Anaya	By: Pete & Rita Moore	
10 For the Soul of Rick Covington	By: Jason Covington	
11 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	By: Theresa Alonzo	
12 In Thanksgiving to Our Virgin de Guadalupe for answering my prayers	By: Maria Carrillo	
13 In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayers	By: Maria Carrillo	
14 For Peace in Jerusalem	By: Eric Archuleta	
15 In Praise & Thanksgiving for the Rain	By: Eric Archuleta	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Mass Schedule Change for the Week of August 4

The Communion Service scheduled for Monday, August 4 will be held on Tuesday, August 5, at 5:30 PM this week only.

The Mass scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30PM will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, August 4 this week only.

St. Mary Magdalene Fiesta News

We want to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to everyone who so generously donated their time, talent and treasure for the Fiestas at St. Mary Magdalene church this past weekend.

Congratulations to all the Raffle Winners.

1st Prize: \$500.00 - Catherine Aragon
2nd Prize: Cookware Set - Consuelo Madril
3rd Prize: Knife Set - Rudy Latasa
4th Prize: \$100.00 - Consuelo Madril
5th Prize: Watch - Miklo

May God continue to Bless all of you and your families.

San Lorenzo Fiesta 2025

The San Lorenzo Fiesta's are Saturday, **August 9, 2025 in Polvadera**
The Fiesta Mass is at 10:00 AM
Please support the Fiesta. It's also another opportunity to have a great time!

San Miguel Fiesta 2025

This years San Miguel Fiesta is set for October 4th and 5th.

Raffle tickets are now available. Please pick them up at the entrance of the church or at the church office. Prizes have increased, so please purchase or sell as many books as you can. Each ticket is \$5.00 and each book is \$50.00

Thank you for your loyal patronage to our annual Fiestas.

Position Announcement

San Miguel Church is seeking a Part-Time Maintenance/Groundskeeper to work at the church buildings and grounds. If you are interested, please pick up an application and job description at the church office.

Volunteers Needed

In addition to Jubilee and Gift Shop Volunteers. All Ministries in the Parish are in need of Volunteers. Please consider contributing a few hours of your time once or twice a month to help. Thank you.