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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

—Luke 14:11

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 godparents. 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 September 4, 2025 at 6:30PM.** 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.

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Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

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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!

Our Treasury In Heaven

Today's reading is from the wisdom literature, the book of Sirach. Sirach casts light on a recurring theme occurring throughout the Bible when we read, "Water quenches a flaming fire, and almsgiving atones for sins" (Sirach 3:30). It's an image that is simple yet profound and illustrates the power of charity expressed in tangible generosity. Just as water has the natural power to extinguish fire, so almsgiving has the spiritual power to cleanse sins and reconcile the giver more deeply to God. This reading sets the stage for Jesus, in the Gospel, to draw us into a deeper reflection on humility and charity as the foundations of Christian life.

The wisdom literature of the Bible teaches consistently that almsgiving is no mere social good but has eternal significance. Sirach's vivid metaphor echoes Tobit's counsel: "Almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin. Those who practice it will have fullness of life" (Tobit 12:9). Similarly, Proverbs declares: "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness (Hebrew: tzedakah, which also means almsgiving) delivers from death" (Proverbs 11:4). These texts present a theology in which mercy toward the poor is understood as a deposit with God Himself. Sirach 29:12 makes this explicit: "Store up almsgiving in your treasury, and it will rescue you from every disaster."

So, from the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, we learn that almsgiving is not only a good deed but a form of atonement, a way in which we turn outward in charity and find reconciliation with God.

But what does the bible mean by "a treasury in heaven"? In the material world a treasury is a stockpile of resources, saved so they can be drawn upon in time of need. When Scripture and the Church speak of a "treasury in heaven," the image carries over, but applied to the spiritual life and eternity. Our acts of charity, prayer, sacrifice, and faith, when done in cooperation with God's grace, are preserved by God with eternal value, atoning for sin and whose merits benefit not only the individual who does them, but the whole Body of Christ. Interestingly, the doctrine of indulgences is rooted in this treasury of merit. But heavenly treasure is also communion with God Himself. It is not simply a transaction, but it orients the heart toward God, rooting our love where it belongs.

Religious Education

**Don't forget to register your
children for CCD**

Classes start September 7, 2025.

Forms are available at the church office.

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.

The Catechism echoes this: "The interior penance of the Christian...is expressed especially in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). St. John Chrysostom says: "Do you see how He commands us to make the poor our bankers? For they hold our treasures in safety, safe from thieves and decay" (Homilies on Matthew 19.7).

And yet, as this Sunday's Gospel reminds us, humility is almsgiving's foundation. Jesus warns against seeking places of honor, teaching instead that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Almsgiving is powerful, but without humility it can become an act of pride or self-justification. Scripture itself shows this priority. Sirach 3:17-18 teaches: "Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." The tax collector in Jesus' parable (Luke 18:9-14) is justified not by outward acts but by his humble confession: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." The Catechism affirms this saying, "Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought' are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer" (CCC 2559). If humility is the root of prayer, it is likewise the root of almsgiving, which without humility risks being corrupted. St. Augustine said, "Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues; hence, where it does not exist there can be no virtue but in appearance". St. Bernard of Clairvaux writes, "Humility is the foundation and guardian of virtues." St. John Chrysostom warns, "Almsgiving without humility is the companion of pride, and pride destroys almsgiving."

Almsgiving remains a profound act of atonement and an investment in heaven, where our hearts find their true home. Yet the readings this Sunday call us to see that humility is even greater. Almsgiving, prayer, and fasting are powerful, but without humility, they lose their value. To store treasure in heaven, then, is not only to give generously but to give with a humble heart, recognizing that all we have is gift from God. It is humility that anchors our almsgiving in love of God, making it a true path to eternal treasure, that is communion with Christ Himself.

Labor Day and the Catholic Church

Pope Leo XIII wrote his landmark encyclical, "Rerum Novarum" during the Industrial Revolution. This encyclical dealt with the dignity of work and laid the groundwork of Catholic Social Teaching. In this document he says, "As for those who possess not the gifts of fortune... that there is nothing to be ashamed of in earning their bread by labor. This is enforced by what we see in Christ Himself, who... being the Son of God, and God Himself, ...did not disdain to spend a great part of His life as a carpenter Himself." (Rerum Novarum, 23)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community." CCC 2428

This Labor Day we not only celebrate a national holiday but also our church's teaching on the dignity of work.

| MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Monday, September 1, 2025 - OFFICE CLOSED | | |
| 5:30 PM COMMUNION SERVICE | | |
| Tuesday, September 2, 2025 | | |
| 5:30 PM | + Mary Vigil | By: TJ & Josie Chester |
| | + Ernest (Ernie) Zamora, Jr. (27th Ann) | By: Mom & Family |
| | + Mark Ortega (11th Ann) | By: Emiliano & Hope Baldonado |
| Wednesday, September 3, 2025 | | |
| 9:00 AM | + Greg J. Sanchez | By: Adolfo G. Baca & Family |
| | + Joe & Connel Castillo | By: Stella Castillo |
| | + Deno & Sandy Gallegos (9th Ann) | By: Karen & Morris Valenzuela |
| Thursday, September 4, 2025 | | |
| 9:00 AM | + Phillip A. Anaya (11th Ann) | By: Joey & Bernice Anaya |
| | + Richard (Richie) Zamora, Jr. (4th Ann) | By: His Family |
| | + Isaiah Torres (26th Ann) | By: Dickie Torres |
| Friday, September 5, 2025 | | |
| 9:00 AM | + Leo & Charlene Rosas | By: Kim Padilla & Desiree |
| | + Poor Souls in Purgatory | By: Lillian Armijo |
| | + Soila & Zeke Armijo | By: Jerry & Lillian Armijo |
| Saturday, September 6, 2025 | | |
| 5:00 PM | + Phillip A. Anaya (11th Ann) | By: The Anaya Family |
| | + Mary Rivera Chavez (10th Ann) | By: Christine Chavez |
| | In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord In Heaven | By: Belinda & Jared |
| | + M/M Frank Grandjean | By: Valerie Moore |
| | + Gregory Brizel | By: Bennie & MaryAnn Zimmerly |
| | + Preistina Casella | By: Hope & Emiliano Baldonado |
| Sunday, September 7, 2025 | | |
| 8:00 AM | + Albert Castillo (14th Ann) | By: Joey & Bernice Anaya |
| | + Christoval Ulibarri (38th Ann) | By: Santiago Ulibarri |
| | + Kenneth & Carol Silva | By: Gloria Jean Torres |
| Sunday, September 7, 2025 | | |
| 10:00 AM | For the Intentions of All Parishioners | |
| | + Lucy Davila | By: The Davila Family |
| | + Joseph Stanton (6th Ann) | By: Patricia Stanton |
| | + Rose Montoya (18th Ann) | By: Rueben & Lorraine Archuleta |
| Sunday, September 7, 2025 - St. Mary Magdalene, Magdalena | | |
| 12:00 Noon | + Carolina Serrano | By: Kerr Family |
| | + Orlando & Gerald Gutierrez | By: Lucille Gutierrez |
| | + All Souls | By: Lucille Gutierrez |

| READINGS FOR THE WEEK | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Monday | Monday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time | Green |
| | 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1,3-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30 | |
| Tuesday | Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time | Green |
| | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37 | |
| Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church | White |
| | Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44 | |
| Thursday | Thursday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time | Green |
| | Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11 | |
| Friday | Friday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time | Green |
| | Col 1:15-20/Psalm 100:1b-5/Lk 5:33-39 | |
| Saturday | Mass of Anticipation for Sunday Obligation | Green |
| | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| | Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 | |
| Sunday | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Green |
| | Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 | |
| Donations: August 23 & 24, 2025-2026 Property Insurance Charges | | |
| San Miguel - Regular | | 3,623.18 |
| Catholic Charities | | 32.00 |
| Assumption of Mary | | 22.00 |
| Seminarian Support | | 20.00 |
| Missions | | 50.00 |
| St. Mary Magdalene - Regular | | 548.68 |
| Catholic Charities | | 35.00 |
| Total | | \$4,330.86 |
| | | <u>San Miguel</u> 46,367.00 |
| | | <u>St. Mary Magdalene</u> 8,437.00 |
| SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS | | |
| 1 | For the Souls of Benny & Atochita Chavez | By: The Family |
| 2 | In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord in Heaven | By: Belinda Green & Jared |
| 3 | For the Souls of John A. Armijo Jr. & Walter Ulibarri & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez | By: Shella & Family |
| 4 | For the Souls of Walter Ulibarri & John A. Armijo & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez | By: Sally & Demitra |
| 5 | For the Soul of Annie Anaya | By: Aldolfo Baca & Family |
| 6 | In Thanksgiving to Our Virgin de Guadalupe for answering my prayers | By: Maria Carrillo |
| 7 | In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayers | By: Maria Carrillo |
| 8 | For the Soul of Annie Anaya | By: Pete & Rita Moore |
| 9 | In Loving Memory of Michael Farraday | By: AnnMarie Hook |
| 10 | For Strength & Healing for Jessica & Carmela | By: Hope & Emiliano Baldonado |
| 11 | For Health & Recovery of Judy Santiallnes | By: Hope & Emiliano Baldonado |
| 12 | For the Souls of Arleen & Tony Torres | By: Hope & Emiliano Baldonado |
| 13 | For the Health of Emiliano Baldonado | By: His Wife |
| 14 | To St. Michael the Archangel for the Safety of All School Children | By: Hope & Emiliano Baldonado |
| 15 | For the Health & Healing of Jessica Torres | By: San Miguel Staff |

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