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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 28, 2025

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,  
neither will they be persuaded  
if someone should rise from the dead."

—Luke 16:31

## 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 October 2, 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.

## 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  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

Frank Lewark ..... President  
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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

## 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.

## SAN MIGUEL GIFT SHOP

Tuesday: 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

## 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](http://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!

#### **The Bosom of Abraham**

In today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus relates the parable of the rich man and Lazarus: "The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried." This phrase, "bosom of Abraham," has intrigued theologians, biblical scholars, and the faithful throughout history. It is a vivid image that invites exploration.

To understand Abraham's bosom, one must first understand Sheol. In the Old Testament, Sheol is the shadowy realm of the dead where all souls descended, whether righteous or wicked. Because of original sin, the gates of heaven were closed to humanity after the Fall of Adam and Eve (cf. Romans 5:12). Union with God was broken, and until redemption was accomplished through Jesus Christ, no soul could enter heaven. As a result, Sheol became the common destiny of the dead.

Sheol is depicted as a place of silence, darkness, and separation from the fullness of God's presence. Psalm 6:5 laments: "For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise?" Likewise, Job 7:9-10 declares: "As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who goes down to Sheol does not come up; he returns no more to his house." These passages show Sheol as a place lacking the joy of worship and communion, yet not identical with the final hell of the damned.

At the same time, hints of hope appear. Psalm 16:10 proclaims: "For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your holy one see corruption." This anticipates Christ's Resurrection and his victory over death. Similarly, Isaiah 26:19 speaks of the dead rising: "Your dead shall live, their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!" These glimpses foreshadow the transformation that would come through the Messiah.

Within Sheol, Jewish tradition came to distinguish between the lot of the wicked and the blessed repose of the righteous. By the time of Jesus, some rabbis taught that the just awaited resurrection in the company of the patriarchs, particularly Abraham, the father of the faithful. Thus, "Abraham's bosom" became a way of describing the secure and honored place of the righteous in Sheol, awaiting redemption.

The image of reclining on Abraham's bosom conveys intimacy and favor. Just as the beloved disciple reclined on Jesus' bosom at the Last Supper (John 13:23), so the righteous rest close to Abraham, their covenant father. For Jesus' hearers, this was a vivid picture of consolation and covenantal belonging.

In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts Lazarus' comfort with the rich man's torment, showing the justice of God after death. This parable dramatizes both divine reversal in which the poor beggar is exalted and the rich oppressor condemned and the separation of destinies after death.

Elsewhere, Jesus deepens the hope of the righteous. To the repentant thief, he promises: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). St. Paul echoes this hope in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, describing the "third

## **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.

heaven" and Paradise. These passages show that Abraham's bosom was not the final goal but a provisional state, soon to be transformed by Christ's victory over death at the resurrection.

In today's Gospel Jesus introduces the "great chasm" fixed between the righteous and the wicked, "between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours." This chasm represents the finality of divine judgment and the unbridgeable divide between communion with God and separation from Him. St. John Chrysostom highlighted its moral lesson that repentance is possible only in this life; after death, the opportunity is lost. The chasm also symbolizes the radical difference between a soul in God's friendship and one that has rejected Him.

The Apostles' Creed proclaims that at Christ's death, "He descended into hell." This does not mean Christ entered the hell of the damned, but rather Sheol, the abode of the dead. The Gospels allude to this when Jesus says the Son of Man will be "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40). St. Peter writes that Christ "went and preached to the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:19).

The Fathers understood this as Christ descending to Abraham's bosom, proclaiming victory, and liberating the righteous who had awaited Him. In this way, He bridged the separation caused by the Fall. Those who once rested in hope were now ushered into the beatific vision. The bosom of Abraham, once a place of waiting, was transformed into the fullness of Paradise.

The bosom of Abraham is thus a rich biblical and theological image signifying the blessed repose of the righteous in Sheol, awaiting redemption. It highlights both the reality of divine justice and the intimacy of covenantal communion. The great chasm warns of the irrevocability of judgment, while Christ's descent into hell reveals God's decisive act of redemption, shattering the gates of death, opening heaven, and transforming the resting place of the patriarchs into eternal glory. By the bosom of Abraham, we are reminded that death is not the end, but those who abide in Christ will be gathered to the Father in everlasting life.

### **Novena de Archángel San Miguel**

We invite everyone to join us in praying the  
Novena beginning Saturday, September 27 and  
continuing through Sunday, October 5.

Together, we will ask for the powerful intercession of  
San Miguel to defend us in our spiritual battles,  
strengthen us in faith and for a successful fiesta.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, September 29, 2025		
5:30 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tuesday, September 30, 2025		
5:30 PM	No Mass This Week	
Wednesday, October 1, 2025		
9:00 AM	No Mass This Week	
Thursday, October 2, 2025		
9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
Friday, October 3, 2025		
9:00 AM	No Mass This Week	
Saturday, October 4, 2025		
5:00 PM	For Birthday Blessings & Intention of Joe M. Padilla	By: Mom & Brother
	+ Donald & Mary Chavez	By: Christine Chavez
	+ Lonnie Zamora (16th Ann)	By: Michael Zamora & Diane Martinez & Family
Sunday, October 5, 2025		
10:00 AM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	
	+ Jeanette Salome Atencio	By: JoAnn, Jonique, Zach & Leo
	+ Nicolas Keller, Sr. (27th Ann)	By: Deacon Nick & Nadine
	+ Robert Compton	By: Antonio Arant
SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS		
1	For the Soul of Clorinda Miller	By: Minnie
2	In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord In	By: Belinda Green &
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 &
6	For the Soul of Cecilia Montoya	By: Rebecca Apachito & Family
7	For the Soul of Joe O. Torres	By: Marilyn & Bobbi Torres
8	To the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Annemarie & Jason Shaw	By: Stella Castillo
9	For the Soul of Patricia V. Marshall	By: Stella Castillo
10	For the Soul of John Savedra	By: Stella Castillo
11	For the Soul of Joe Chavez, Jr.	By: Demetrio Chavez
12	For the Soul of Señora Fernanda Reyes	By: Demetrio Chavez
13	For the Soul of Jazmin Ariana Candia Chavez & Jorge Alfonso Chavez Rivera	By: Rosa Rivera
14	For the Soul of Reuben Armijo	By: Dolores Armijo
15	For the Soul of Richard Paul Garcia	By: Dolores Armijo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	White
	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51	
	Neh 2:1-8/Psalm 137:1- 6/Lk 9:57-62	
Thursday	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	White
	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 /Ps 19:8-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10	
Saturday	Mass of Anticipation for Sunday Obligation	Green
	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10	
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Green
	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10	
Donations: September 20 & 21, 2025		
San Miguel - Regular	3,667.45	2025-2026 Property Insurance Charges
Seminarian Support	30.00	
All Souls	20.00	San Miguel 46,367.00
All Saints	17.00	
World Mission Sunday	9.00	St. Mary Magdalene 8,437.00
Missions	10.00	
St. Mary Magdalene - Regular	3,670.67	
Seminarian Support	20.00	
Total	\$7,444.12	

## San Miguel Fiesta Schedule

### Saturday, October 4

Food Booths, Games, Silent Auction, White Elephant & Music  
Open at Noon (closed during Mass)

12pm - 4:30pm: Desert Valley Music (DJ & Karaoke)  
5pm - 6pm: Mass

Crowning of Queen and Prince & Princess

*Queen Stella Castillo*

*Prince & Princess, Ethan & Sarah Montgomery*

6pm: "La Marcha Dance" Royal Court (Past & Present) at the Pavilion

6:30pm: BINGO 

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Bosque Fire Band  
(Variety Music)

8:30pm – 10:30pm Zia Soul (Variety Music)

9:30pm: RAFFLE DRAWING—3rd Prize

### Sunday, October 5

10:00am: Mass

11:30am: BBQ & Booths open after Mass

11:30am – 1:30pm Tres Amigos (Mariachi Music)

12:30pm: BINGO 

1:45pm: RAFFLE DRAWING—2nd Prize

2pm – 3pm: Folklorico de Valle

3pm – 4pm: Sociedad Colonial Española de Santa Fe  
Traditional Dance Troupe  
(Ricardo & Sherri)

4pm: RAFFLE DRAWING—1st Prize



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