Mass Times
4:30 pm Saturday (English)
8:00 am Sunday (Spanish)
9:30 am Sunday (English)
11:00 am Sunday (English)
9:00 am Monday—Friday (English)

Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday through Friday 8:00am - 8:45am, Monday 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Bilingual) (Livestream)
Thursday 8:00am - 8:45am and 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm (subject to change)
Saturday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Cemetery:
3131 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla
Open Daily: 7:00am - 5:00pm (Subject to change)

Yannes Hall
2261 Calle de Guadalupe
The liturgical calendar includes a plethora of saints, historical events, and divine mysteries that are uniquely honored throughout the year with appointed "feast days." The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through his death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through his resurrection, he brought us the promise of new life, both in heaven and on earth. His own prayer, “Thy kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven” begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday. Easter is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33

Please join us on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

THANK YOU
We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter celebrations: benefactors, ministers and volunteers, and those who helped decorate the church for Easter.

Last Week’s Collection
March 24, 2024
Not available at time of publication
UIM $ 200.00
2024 Goal: $57,500
Thank you for your generosity. Gracias por su generosidad.
Saint Francis of Paola

Francis was born in the Southern Italian region of Calabria during 1416. His parents, who maintained a strong devotion to St. Francis of Assisi, named their son after him. The boy's father and mother had little in the way of wealth, but they passed on a rich spiritual heritage to their son, with the hope that he would imitate his namesake. The young Francis showed signs of a remarkable spiritual life, following his parents' lead in accepting poverty as a path to holiness. When his father placed him in the care of a group of Franciscan friars to be educated at the age of 13, Francis made a personal decision to live strictly according to the rule of their religious order.

After a year with the friars, Francis rejoined his parents as they made a pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome, and the historic Franciscan church known as the Portiuncula. When the family returned to their hometown of Paola, Francis –at the age of only 15– asked his parents' permission to live as a hermit, in the manner of the earliest desert fathers such as St. Anthony of Egypt. The young monk slept in a cave, and ate what he could gather in the wild, along with occasional offerings of food from his friends in the town. Within four years, two companions had joined him, and the townspeople assisted in building three individual cells for the hermits, as well as a chapel where a priest would offer Mass. With approval from the local bishop, this small group continued to grow into a larger religious order, without compromising the young founder's insistence on penitential and primitive living conditions. They were first known as the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, but later renamed the “Minimi” (or “Minims”), meaning “the least,” and signifying their commitment to humility.

Francis and his monks were notable not only for their austere lifestyle, but also for their strict diet, which not only eliminated meat and fish, but also excluded eggs, dairy products, and other foods derived from animals. Abstinence from meat and other animal products became a “fourth vow” of his religious order, along with the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Francis instituted the continual, year-round observance of this diet in an effort to revive the tradition of fasting during Lent, which many Roman Catholics had ceased to practice by the 15th century.

Ironically, Francis' pursuit of solitary communion with God attracted attention from a range of important figures, including several European kings and other nobility along with popes and bishops. Some of these men regarded Francis as a spiritual leader in a corrupt age, while others may have been more interested in his gifts of prophecy and miraculous healing. Francis traveled to France at the request of Pope Sixtus IV. There, the notoriously power-hungry King Louis XI was approaching the point of death himself, and hoped that Francis would perform a miracle and restore his health. Instead, Francis told the king bluntly that he should not fear the end of his earthly life, but the loss of eternal life. From that time, the hermit became a close spiritual adviser to the king. He discussed the reality of death and eternity with him, and urged him to surrender his heart and soul to God before it was too late. The king died in Francis' arms in 1483. Louis XI's son and successor, Charles VIII, maintained Francis as a close adviser, in spiritual and even political affairs. Nonetheless, Francis persisted in following the monastic rule he had developed while living in his hermitage outside of Paola. He continued as superior general of the Minim order, and founded new monasteries in France.

Francis sensed that his death was approaching at the age of 91, and returned to living in complete solitude for three months to prepare himself. When he emerged, he gathered a group of the Minim brothers and gave them final instructions for the future of the order. He received Holy Communion for the last time and died on April 2, Good Friday of 1507. Pope Leo X canonized Saint Francis of Paola 12 years after his death, in 1519. Although the Minim order lost many of its monasteries in the 18th century during the French Revolution, it continues to exist, primarily in Italy. Saint Francis of Paola teaches us the importance of prayer, fasting and abstinence, and being humble. His feast day is on April 2nd.

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all clergy, employees, and volunteers who have regular contact with minors undergo a background check, participate in a VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children Training Module, and sign a code of conduct every five years. For more information, please contact Ofelia Meraz at the parish office. (575) 526-9349

Coffee & Donuts on Sundays at 10:30
The Young Couples Group are sponsoring coffee and donuts after every 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Children’s Adoration
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 10:00 to 11:00 am, and Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Join us to celebrate the feast day for Saint Francis of Paola on Tuesday, April 2nd. Holy Mass at 9:00 am. Coffee and pastries after Mass at the parish hall.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available on Friday, April 5th, after the 9:00 am Mass.

Treats for the Homeless
On Friday, April 5th, we will be taking Rice Krispie Treats to the poor. Please call the office if you are available to make some.

The morning Mass on First Saturdays will be discontinued.

PRAYING FOR LIFE
It is our moral duty to pray for the respect to the dignity of human life. There are many people in the world suffering from abuse, because their basic rights have been taken away. Some of them are the Israeli hostages in Gaza, or people injured in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, people lacking food and medicine in war zones, and children unwanted by their parents and killed by abortion. They are not forgotten. For this human tragedy we pray to the Lord. We pray to Jesus Christ who came to give us life, and life in abundance. In the midst of evil, chaos, and death, there is hope. We are praying for life and peaceful coexistence.

Gift Shop
Gift shop hours are noon to 4:00 pm Monday–Sunday. You can find a selection of gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We have bibles, retablos, jewelry, new ornaments and many more items. Please visit the gift shop.

San Albino Calendar Recurring Events
Every 2nd Monday 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting (hall)
Choir Practice (Sat 5:30 pm) Monday 6:00 pm in the hall
Choir Practice (Sun 11 & 9:30 am) Thursday 7:30 pm in the hall
Religious Education Sunday 2:00 pm in the hall
First Communion Wednesday, 5:30 pm in the hall
Confirmation Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the hall
That Man is You Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the hall

Parish Ministries

Homebound
Call the office
Marriage Prep - Host Couples
Viviana & Nathan Coker
Leslie & Dinu Cervantes
Charles & Teresa Perez
Mary & Rene Lujan
Lorenzo & Michelle Alba
John & Kathy Medina
Maria & Julio Ramirez
Gift Shop
Sharon Owen
Choir Leaders
4:30 pm Frances Padilla
8:00 am Manuel Noyola
9:30 am Elena Roman
11:00 am Crystal Gonzales
Pianists: Andrew Medina & Georgina Lavery

Altar Servers
Ronny Limon
Docents
Jim Yankovic
Funerals
Linda Misquez
Lectors
Becky Gomolka
Ex. Min. of Holy Communion
John & Kathy Medina
Altar Linens
Renee Williams
Youth Group Coordinator
Kathy Lestone

Please For Our Sick & Homebound
If you know of a parishioner needing prayer please call the parish office at 575-526-9349.

Please Pray for Our Sick
Angel Baker
Angelica Sandoval
Berta Covey
Bertha Alatorre
Brizzi Zapata
Carla Molina
Chris Ayers
Carmen Cardon
Diana Roth
Elena Escontrias
Exander Sanchez
Felicia Fritzte-Rodriguez
Fatima Aguilar Ortiz
Gertrude Chavez
James Anderson
Joanna A. Grajeda
Joel Rivera
John Donovan

Please Pray for Our Homebound
John F. Myers
John Anderson
Julie Loera
Keith Bird
Kimberley Gregoire
Louie Ray Orona
Louie Orona
Leonard Cardon
Leroy J. Carrillo
Mary Kathleen Sims
Maureen Anderson
Maureen Castillo
Mel Holguin, Jr.
Patricia Calzada
Ramona Avalos
Rosa Gallegos Acosta
Sandra Estrada
Sidney Lopez

Sylvia Vasquez
Terry DiPiazza
Tom Carrillo
Xochiti Anguiano
Yolanda Boyle
Joanne Reynolds
Cecilia Padilla
Cecilia Guerrero
Estela Bejarano
Mary Branigan
Rosie Pacheco
Virginia & Lalo Maese
Viola Lucero