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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple."

—Luke 14:27

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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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

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

The New Testament reading for this Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the heart of Paul's Letter to Philemon. Paul's Letter to Philemon is one of the shortest writings in the New Testament, but it is among the richest in theological and moral implications. Like most of Paul's letters, its full meaning can be difficult to grasp because we don't get to know the backstory. It is like Paul is providing an answer to a question we have not heard. At just 25 verses, Philemon is a personal letter written by the Apostle Paul, who is in prison, possibly in Ephesus, to Philemon who, we gather, is a Christian that Paul has converted and who makes available a "house church"; a residence where Christians gather for the Lord's Day (Sunday) and to celebrate the Eucharist. Philemon is a Christian of some standing in the city of Colossae likely of sufficient means to own slaves. Paul's letter concerns one of those slaves, a man named Onesimus (pronounced "oh-NEE-see-mos"). According to the text, Onesimus has been separated from Philemon. However, we don't know why. The common speculation is that Onesimus was a runaway slave, though the text does not say this explicitly. Scholars have suggested other possibilities. Onesimus has been converted to Christianity by Paul and has become one of Paul's "team". Paul is now sending Onesimus back to Philemon. But the thrust of Paul's letter is to plant the seed in Philemon that Onesimus should be given his freedom because, as a Christian, he is now Philemon's brother. In fact, Paul more than plants the seed, he presses the point firmly aiming at Philemon's conscience. This brief but powerful letter raises questions about slavery in the first-century Roman world, about human dignity in Christ, and especially about the role of Catholic Sacred Tradition in guiding the Church's moral teaching across centuries.

To grasp the weight of Paul's message, it is important to recall that slavery in the Roman Empire was a fundamental part of daily life and present in every region. Slavery was neither new nor unique to Rome; it had existed for thousands of years before. The Old Testament likewise did not condemn slavery but contained many laws regulating it. In Rome, slavery was typically the result of conquest, debt, or birth into servitude. Slaves filled a wide range of roles: some labored in mines or on estates under brutal conditions, while others served as tutors, physicians, or household stewards. Roman society accepted slavery as an essential institution, and few voices questioned its legitimacy. A slave was considered property, without legal personhood, though many could eventually be granted freedom. Against this cultural backdrop, Paul's appeal on behalf of Onesimus is strikingly radical in its moral trajectory, even though he does not explicitly call for the abolition of slavery.

Paul's appeal to Philemon is gentle but persuasive. He does not invoke his apostolic authority to command, but rather appeals "for love's sake" (Philemon 9). He urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus back not as property, but as a brother in Christ. The revolutionary implication is that baptism erases the fundamental distinctions of master and slave. Paul is articulating an implicit Christian understanding of the human person, that all human beings, regardless of their station, are equal before God. This

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.

seed of equality would, over centuries, grow into the Church's fuller condemnation of slavery and its defense of universal human dignity.

This progression illustrates the importance of Catholic Sacred Tradition. Sacred Tradition, together with Sacred Scripture, constitutes what is called the deposit of faith which is entrusted by God to the Church. Where Scripture contains the written Word of God, Sacred Tradition encompasses the living transmission of Christ's teaching through the apostles and their successors, especially as guided by the Holy Spirit. The Catechism describes it as the means by which "the Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes" (CCC 78).

Sacred Tradition is crucial because not every moral or doctrinal question is spelled out explicitly in the Bible. The Scriptures contain the seeds and principles, but it is Sacred Tradition that helps the Church apply these principles to new circumstances. For example, while Paul never issued a blanket command against slavery, the Sacred Tradition of the Church, reflecting on his teaching that in Christ we are all brothers, eventually condemned slavery as incompatible with human dignity. Popes and councils across the centuries moved toward the recognition that slavery was a grave moral evil, especially in its racialized and dehumanizing modern form. Here we see Sacred Tradition at work; the Spirit guiding the Church to draw out the full implications of the Gospel for every age.

The relevance of Sacred Tradition is not limited to historical questions such as slavery. Today, Catholics face moral dilemmas that Paul and the early Church could never have imagined, such as abortion on demand, in vitro fertilization (IVF), cloning, and genetic engineering. The Bible does not directly mention these technologies, yet guided by Sacred Tradition, the Church proclaims the consistent principles whose roots are in Scripture, that is the inviolable dignity of every human life from conception to natural death, the sacredness of marriage and procreation, and the need to respect God's creative order. Just as Paul taught Philemon to see Onesimus as a brother in Christ, the Church today teaches us to see the unborn child, the embryo in a lab dish, the disabled, or the person with dementia or Alzheimer's as possessing the same dignity.

By Sacred Tradition, the Church has the confidence and authority to apply the eternal truths of the Gospel to new and unforeseen situations. Without Sacred Tradition, Christians would be left adrift when facing questions not explicitly addressed in Scripture. With it, the Church is able to remain faithful to Christ's teaching while speaking to each new generation.



Jubilee 2025

In August, 55 pilgrims signed the guest register.

States represented include: South Dakota, Texas, Colorado, Oregon, California, Georgia, Arizona, Maryland, and New Mexico.

Countries represented include: Mexico, France, and Belarus.

Thank You! to all who volunteer and welcome our visitors.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, September 8, 2025		
5:30 PM COMMUNION SERVICE		
Tuesday, September 9, 2025		
5:30 PM	+ Gilbert Anaya	By: Kim Padilla & Desiree
	+ Carl D'Agustino, Jr.	By: James & Bernice D'Agustino
	+ EF Wade	By:
Wednesday, September 10, 2025		
9:00 AM	Return to the Faith of All Prodigal Sons & Daughters	By: Prayerful Parents
	+ Joseph Stanton	By: Patricia Stanton
	+ Timothy Stanton	By: Patricia Stanton
Thursday, September 11, 2025		
9:00 AM	In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord in Heaven	By: Belinda Green & Jared
	+ Paul D. Anaya (11th Ann)	By: Anaya Family
	+ Tom Crespin (7th Ann)	By: Joseph & Tina Garcia
Friday, September 12, 2025		
9:00 AM	+ Lillie Gonzales (12th Ann)	By: The Family
	+ Clorinda Miller (8th Ann)	By: Minnie
	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory	By: Lillian Armijo
Saturday, September 13, 2025		
5:00 PM	+ Felipe & Maria E. Anaya	By: The Anaya Family
	+ Alex Archuleta	By: Virgie & Girls
	+ Arthur & Flaviano Marquez, Jr.	By: Gloria Jean Torres
	+ All Poor Souls in Purgatory	By: Pablo & Christina Romero
	+ Maria Louisa Romero	By: Pablo & Christina Romero
	+ Bobby Chavez (1st Ann)	By: His Siblings
Sunday, September 14, 2025		
8:00 AM	+ Reuben Armijo	By: Dolores & Family
	+ Morris Gonzales (19th Ann)	By: Connie & Nattie Gonzales
	+ Gene & Euna Torres	By: The Family
Sunday, September 14, 2025		
10:00 AM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	
	+ Carlos & Delores Griego	By: Loretta & John Funk
	+ Robert Compton	By: Antonio Arant
	+ Carl D'Agostino, Jr.	By: James & Bernice D'Agostino
Sunday, September 14, 2025 - St. Mary Magdalene, Magdalena		
12:00 Noon	+ M/M Jose Leon Ulibarri	By: Kerr Family
	+ Mariano, Jr. & Jimmy Latasa	By: Lucille Gutierrez
	+ Carmen "Lesperance" Trujillo	By: Kim Padilla

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	White
	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6abc/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest	White
	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19	
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b/Lk 6:20-26	
Thursday	Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2-6/Lk 6:27-38	
Friday	Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42	
Saturday	Mass of Anticipation for Sunday Obligation	Red
	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17	
Sunday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Red
	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-	
Donations: August 30 & 31, 2025		<div>2025-2026 Property Insurance Charges</div> <div>San Miguel 46,367.00</div> <div>St. Mary Magdalene 8,437.00</div>
San Miguel - Regular 3,453.00		
Catholic Charities 1.00		
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St. Mary Magdalene - 645.21		
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SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS		
1 In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord in Heaven		By: Belinda Green & 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 In Thanksgiving to Our Virgin de Guadalupe for answering my prayers		By: Maria Carrillo
6 In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayers		By: Maria Carrillo
7 For the Health & Healing of Jessica Torres		By: San Miguel Staff
8 To Sacred Heart for Beatrice Zamora & Family		By: Stella Castillo
9 For the Soul of Kayla VanLandingham		By: Stella Castillo
10 For the Soul of Joe O. Torres		By: Stella Castillo
11 For the Soul of Jimmy Chavez		By: Stella Castillo
12 For the Soul of Henry Romero		By: Stella Castillo
13 For the Soul of Margaret Milligan		By: Valerie Moore
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15 For the Soul of David Grandjean		By: Valerie Moore

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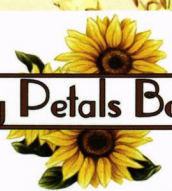


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