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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

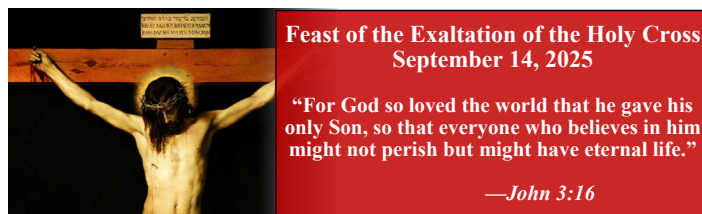
Tuesday: 11:00 AM—1:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Frank Lewark.....President
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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.

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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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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!

The Bronze Serpent mounted on the pole and Christ on the Cross

In Ordinary Time the Gospel reading is paired with a reading from the Old Testament such that both highlight the unity of Scripture and show how the Old Testament finds fulfillment in Christ. But today's first reading seems very unusual. It comes from chapter 21 of the book of Numbers, from the time when the Israelites were in the wilderness after the Exodus. They were, as they always seemed to be, weary, impatient, and grumbling against God and Moses. As a consequence, the Lord sent seraph serpents whose venom brought death, among them. The people cried out to God and in response, God instructed Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole, so that anyone who looks upon it may live (Numbers 21:4-9).

How should we interpret the meaning of this and what does it have to do with today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Well, we need look no further than today's Gospel reading taken from John's Gospel where Christ himself provides the interpretive key. Jesus says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). So, Jesus says that in the same way Moses raised up the pole with the bronze serpent mounted on it, when the cross to which Jesus is nailed to is raised up salvation will come to those who believe in him. This connection is taken up and expanded on by the early Fathers of the Church, who expanded on this prefiguration of the Cross. St. Irenaeus saw it as a paradox; a symbol of death becoming the instrument of life. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, those who look with faith on the Crucified Christ are saved. St. Augustine makes the paradox explicit. The real serpents represent sin and death, but the bronze serpent was not venomous, it bore the likeness of the real thing that was venomous, but as an image it wasn't. Augustine argues that it is in the same way Christ came "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3) but without sin. Thus, the image of sin is raised up, so that sin itself may be judged and destroyed. St. Gregory of Nyssa, also meditating on this noted that the Israelites, by directing their gaze to the figure lifted high, were reoriented toward trust in God's saving power. The very act of looking was already an act of faith.

This interpretation of the bronze serpent fits within a broader way of understanding the bible which is called typology. Typology is the conviction that the Old Testament is filled with "types," or figures, that are fulfilled in Christ and the realities of the New Covenant. It is not mere allegory, but the recognition of a pattern initiated by God. God acts in history through signs that anticipate their future fulfillment. The Fathers saw the whole of Israel's history as shadows that have been cast by the reality of Christ. St. Paul himself gives the paradigm when he writes to the Corinthians, "These things happened to them [the Israelites] as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Among the clearest Old Testament types is the Akedah, the "binding of Isaac" in Genesis 22. Abraham's willingness to offer his beloved son prefigures God the Father's gift of his only-begotten Son. Isaac carrying

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 wood of his own sacrifice up Mount Moriah anticipates Christ carrying the Cross on the same mountain to Calvary. The ram caught in the thicket is the veiled revelation that because of Abraham's willingness to offer his son to God, God will offer His only-begotten son instead. The ram becomes a figure of substitutionary sacrifice fulfilled in Christ.

The early Church Fathers emphasized not only the typology but also the testing of faith. Abraham trusts God's promise even when asked to give up his son. This act of radical trust is the opposite of the lack of faith shown by Israel in the wilderness and becomes the prototype of faith fulfilled in Mary's "yes" to the angel and in Christ's own obedience unto death.

The serpent is a symbol loaded with ambivalence in Scripture. In Genesis 3, the serpent is the tempter, the embodiment of cunning opposition to God, who leads humanity into mistrust and disobedience. By contrast, in today's reading, a serpent becomes the means of healing. The paradox is deliberate. What caused death now becomes the instrument of life when submitted to God's command.

Some early Church Fathers suggested that the venomous serpents symbolized divine judgment, while the bronze serpent represented God's mercy triumphing over judgment. Others saw in the fiery serpents an image of the fallen angels, whose destructive power is nevertheless undone by Christ lifted up. In this way the episode in Numbers contains a cosmic dimension where humanity is beset by forces of sin and death, but salvation is given not by eradicating the image of the serpent but by transforming it into a sign of healing.

Finally, the episode of the serpents is inseparable from the broader theme of the Israelites lack of trust in God's providence which is revealed by their grumbling, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" This lack of trust recurs throughout salvation history. The Fathers read it as a mirror for the Church. Whenever Christians doubt God's providence and turn to idols of self-reliance, they repeat the sin of the wilderness generation. By contrast, the Cross calls believers to fix their gaze on Christ, reestablishing the trust broken in Eden and the desert. Ultimately, the gaze upon the serpent becomes the gaze upon the Crucified. It is an act of trust that undoes the primordial mistrust of Eden and the wilderness and opens for us the way to eternal life.

Scam Alert

There have been several texts received by parishioners claim to be from Fr. John, usually asking for money or to purchase something.

**PLEASE DISREGARD AND
DELETE THESE TEXTS.**

They are scams. Fr. John will never text and request parishioners to purchase anything for him.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, September 15, 2025		
5:30 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tuesday, September 16, 2025		
5:30 PM	+ Mary Torres	By: Randy & Kaye Torres
	+ Ernestina Gonzales	By: Familia Vargas
	+ Richard A. Carver	By: Adolfo G. Baca & Family
Wednesday, September 17, 2025—Time Change for this week only		
5:30 PM	+ Ruth Ann Duggan (11th Ann)	By: Aerts Family
	+ Mary Torres	By: Dickie Torres
	+ Rick Marquez	By: Julie Marquez
Thursday, September 18, 2025		
9:00 AM	+ Damian Padilla, Jr.	By: Kim Padilla & Desiree
	+ Isabel Peralta	By: Rachel Padilla & Kids
	+ Rosie Kromwall (22nd Ann)	By: Michael Zamora & Diana Martinez & Family
Friday, September 19, 2025—Funeral		
10:00 AM Funeral	+ Tammy Vigil (14th Ann)	By: TJ & Josie Chester
	+ Mary Rivera Chavez (10th Ann)	By: Christine Chavez
	+ Timothy Stanton (4th Ann)	By: Patricia Stanton
Saturday, September 20, 2025		
5:00 PM	+ M/M Ernest P. Gonzales	By: Their Family
	+ Elsie Anaya	By: The Anaya Family
	+ Mary Vigil (3rd Ann)	By: TJ & Josie Chester
	+ David Grandjean	By: Valerie Moore
	+ Marliss Monette	By: Valerie Moore
	+ Flora Sedillo	By: Annie Anaya
Sunday, September 21, 2025		
8:00 AM	+ Alixander Holguin (5th Ann)	By: Patricia Landavazo
	+ Gilbert Anaya (5th Ann)	By: Anaya Family
	+ Paul & Charles Torres	By: The Family
Sunday, September 21, 2025		
10:00 AM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	
	+ Nick Sais	By: His Family
	+ M/M Lawrence Torres	By: Randy & Kaye Torres
	+ Manuela Gonzales (12th Ann)	By: The Family
Sunday, September 21, 2025 - St. Mary Magdalene, Magdalena		
12:00 Noon	+ Ernestine "Tina" Madrid	By: Rebecca Apachito & Family
	+ Inez Harris (17th Ann)	By: Her Family
	+ Teofilo Garcia, Jr.	By: Kim Baldonado & Daughters

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	White
	1 Tm 2:1-8 /Ps 28:2, 7-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Red
	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3b, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17	
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35	
Thursday	Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50	
Friday	Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Green
	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3	
Saturday	Mass of Anticipation for Sunday Obligation	Green
	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13	
Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Green
	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or	
Donations:		September 13 & 14, 2025
San Miguel - Regular		6,266.58
Seminarian Support		143.00
All Souls		20.00
All Saints		20.00
World Mission Sunday		4.00
St. Mary Magdalene - Regular		666.89
Seminarian Support		10.00
Total		\$7,130.47
2025-2026 Property Insurance Charges		
San Miguel		
46,367.00		
St. Mary Magdalene		
8,437.00		
SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS		
1	For the Soul of Pete Limper	By: Minnie
2	For the Soul of Carmen Romero	By: The Family
3	In Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord in Heaven	By: Belinda Green & Jared
4	For the Souls of John A. Armijo Jr. & Walter Ulibarri & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez	By: Shella & Family
5	For the Souls of Walter Ulibarri & John A. Armijo & The Health of Mary Lou Chavez	By: Sally & Demitra
6	For the Soul of Annie Anaya	By: Aldolfo Baca & Family
7	In Thanksgiving to Our Virgin de Guadalupe for answering my prayers	By: Maria Carrillo
8	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayers	By: Maria Carrillo
9	For Strength & Healing of Christobal Montoya	By: Rebecca Apachito & Family
10	For Healing of Yvonne Archuleta	By: Ruben & Lorraine Archuleta
11	For the Soul of Steven Chavez	By: Ruben & Lorraine Archuleta
12	For the Soul of Jimmy Chavez	By: Ruben & Lorraine Archuleta
13	For the Soul of Greg Sanchez Jr.	By: Ruben & Lorraine Archuleta
14	For the Soul of Joe O. Torres	By: Marilyn & Bobbi Torres
15	For the Health & Healing of Edward Saavedra	By: Jim & Polly Laws

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First Sunday of the Month: 10am--2pm
All other Sundays: Closed



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