



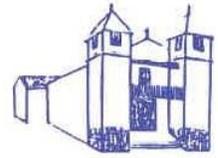
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dearly Beloved Parishioners:

There is no doubt that we are facing hard times in the history of our great nation and in the Church as well, especially in regard to COVID-19. Fear, anxiety, frustration and doubts are building up in our minds; however, we should not lose sight of who Jesus Christ is and what He can do for us.

We must remember to be conscious of the fact that where our reasoning stops, our Faith continues to carry us through. Therefore, this should not be a time for us to lose hope, but rather a time to be inspired and hold tight to the revelations in the Word of God—for the promises of God are “Yes” and “Amen” (2 Corinthians 1: 20). God’s promises endure forever. Thus, we must come to a clear understanding that our Lord God will always fight for us; we only need to be still and not worry (Exodus 14: 14). In order to be still and hopeful, we must: Trust in God; Pray without ceasing; Read and Meditate daily on the Holy Scriptures; Maintain personal hygiene as instructed by the CDC, the State of New Mexico and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Keep in mind that social distancing does not mean isolation or discrimination; thus, be your brother’s keeper by making use of technology to find how others are doing and how you can be of help. Rest assured that the Lord will never leave us as orphans as He promised to be with us until the end of age (John 14: 18). He will never forsake us (Is. 49: 16).

As you are already aware, all Liturgical Activities, Religious Education Classes/Activities and all social gatherings are cancelled until further notice. Let me humbly appeal to you in the spirit of love and generosity to please continue to send your donations through the mail: PO Box 10, Peralta, NM 87042. You can also use our online electronic system (link is in our parish website) to enable us to continue to meet up with our financial obligations and responsibilities.

The Archdiocese sent out a lengthy letter. Here are some items I thought you should know. Illnesses in congregations can spread rapidly. One might be sacrificially dismissive with one’s own life and health, but we have the duty to safeguard the lives and health of others. Anointing of the seriously sick and dying may be conducted by priests, but each priest must be extremely careful. We need our priests to be safe. Baptisms, quinceañeras, weddings, funerals may be postponed or cancelled. If held due to extraordinary circumstances, attendance will be limited to 20-30 persons and performed without Mass.

The Parish Office will remain open Monday through Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Our staff members will run parish business electronically and telephonically. If you have any questions, please call or email the parish staff and we shall be glad to assist with whatever you need. The Parish Staff will not be receiving visitors at the office and I will not be scheduling any appointments at this time. The Parish Church will be open from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday, to enable parishioners and visitors to stop by during that time to say their prayers and devotions.

Your safety as well as the safety of Parish staff and families should be of utmost concern. Please be assured that you and your family members will be remembered in my prayers and private Masses. For those who have paid for a Mass, those intentions will be prayed for at my private Mass every day. If you prefer to have your Mass rescheduled to a later date, please contact the parish office.

Thanks so very kindly for your understanding and may the good Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones now and always.

Yours Very Sincerely,

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Reverend Emmanuel UC Izuka
Pastor