



# OUR LADY OF *Belen* CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

#### First Saturday

7:00am

#### Saturday

4:00pm and

6:00pm (Mission Mass)

Fulfills Sunday Obligation

#### Sunday

8:00am (en Español)

10:00am

12:00pm (Noon)

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday

7:00am and 5:00pm

**Tuesday** 7:00am

#### Wednesday

7:00am and 5:00pm

**Thursday** 7:00am

#### Friday

7:00am and 5:00pm

### Holy Days of Obligation

## Parish Office

101 A North 10th Street

Belen, NM 87002

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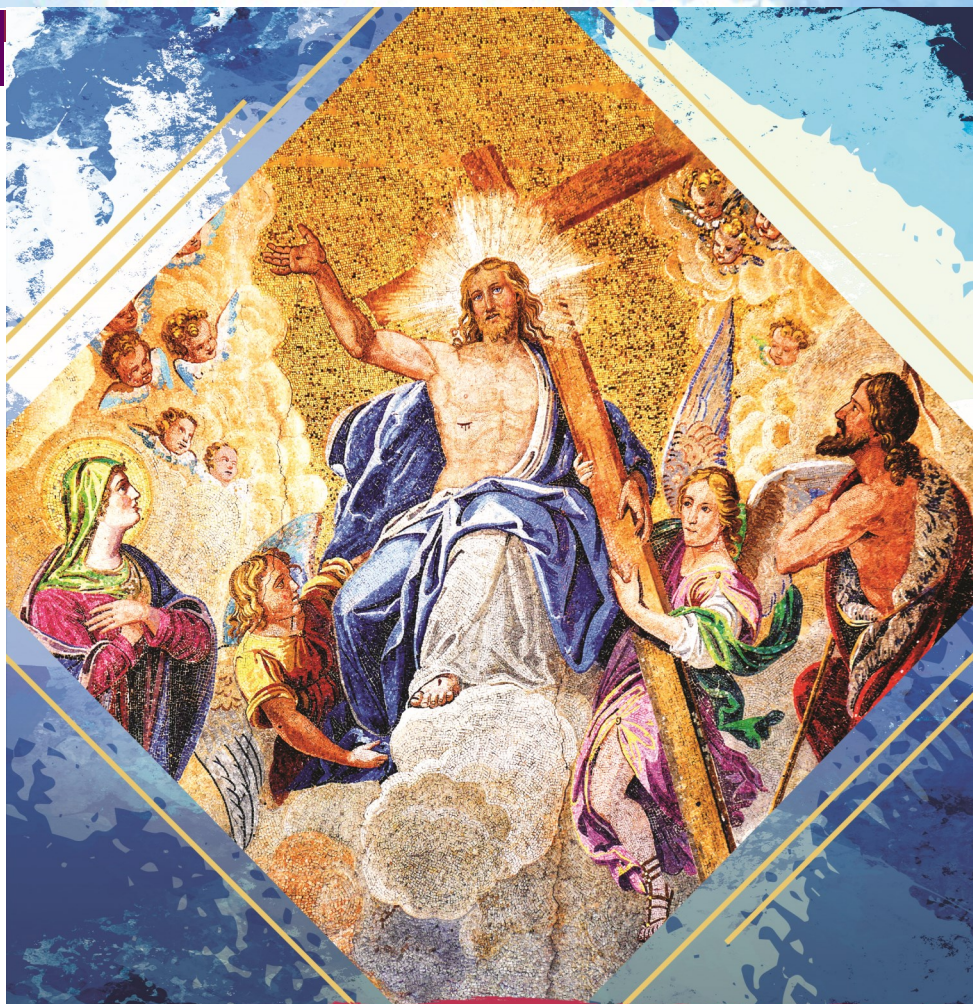
### Hours

**Monday – Thursday** 9:00am to  
5:00pm

Fridays 9:00am to 4:00pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday and  
Holidays

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**"And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:32**

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**March 17, 2024**

## Mission Statement

**Our Parish Family strives to bring  
the Gospel of Christ into our daily lives at home,  
at school and at work.**

## Mass Intentions for the week of March 18-24, 2024

**Monday, March 18th** **St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00am  
+Corrine Castillo by Loretta Swihart  
+Tony Rivera by Family  
+Mela Esquibel by Mary Ann Ortega

5:00pm  
Arturo Macias For His Health by Rosa Cruz  
+Mela Esquibel by Mary Ann Ortega  
Cathy McCartney for Her Health by Loretta Swihart

**Tuesday, March 19th** **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am  
+Jose and +Joseph Madrid by Tina  
+Mela Esquibel by Mary Ann Ortega  
+Andrew Delgado by Ron and Teresa Chavez

**Wednesday, March 20th**

7:00am  
+Lala Salazar (BB) by Her Daughter  
+Benny Sanchez by John and Denise Brunner

5:00pm  
+Arturo Macias for His Health by Rosa Cruz  
+Mela Esquibel by Charlie Torres  
Nellie Cordova for Her Health by Loretta Swihart

**Thursday, March 21st**

7:00am  
+Joe Lucero, Jr. (BB and Anv) by Lucero Family

**Friday, March 22nd**

7:00am  
+Anthony Chavez (BB) by Pablo and Judy Sanchez

5:00pm  
+David, Jr. and +Angelina Cordova by Marcella Maldonado  
+Mary and Nick Ramos by the Family  
+Anthony Medina by Al and Mary Santistevan

**Saturday, March 23rd**

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

4:00pm  
+David R. Cordova, Jr. (Anv) by David Cordova and Family  
+Margaret Baca by Charlene and Gilbert Baca  
+Priscilla R. Baca (Anv) by Sister Dolores

6:00pm  
+Ruth Chavez by Margaret Stahlin  
Bosque

**Sunday, March 24th**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week Begins**

8:00am  
+Joe Garica (BB) by Agnes Garcia  
+Mike McCartney (Anv) by Cathy and Greg McCartney  
+Manuel Rito and +Mary Rita Sanchez by Agnes

10:00am  
+Flugenia Baca by Mela Esquibel  
+Raymond Silva (BB) by The Family  
+Christine D'Arcangeli by Lucy Sanchez  
+Seferino Saiz (BB) by Family

12:00pm  
+Adenago Jaramillo by Sister Eileen Jaramillo, OP  
+Patricia Quintana (Anv) by Her Parents, Eliseo and Connie Quintana  
+Isbel Gabaldon by Mela Esquibel



## THIS WEEK March 17-24, 2024

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

**Scrutiny:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-3

Have you ever thought about “GIFTING” your child a Catholic education? St. Mary’s offers Pre-K through 8th Grade: The Lowest Tuition In The Diocese, Payment Plans, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Bus Transportation, Rigorous Curriculum, State-of-the-Art Science Lab, Daily Prayer, Weekly Mass, Religion Class, STREAM Class, PE, Art, Music & Tech Class, Student Council, Service Projects, Sports, Clubs, Kindergarten/8th Grade Buddy Program and much more. We are currently accepting registrations for new students. Call the school at 505-864-0484 for more information.



Blessed Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of March 17, 2024



Please remember in your prayers:  
As they died in Christ, may they also share in His

Resurrection

**Ramon Chavez,  
Joe Angel Baldonado**

**Please pray for all the sick  
and in need in our Parish**

Darrick Chavez Jose Rivera Manuel Castillo, Jr.  
Marianna Graves Ophelia Miera  
Christine Tafoya Rafael Torres Michael Duenas  
Leroy Martinez Joseph Chavez Rachel August  
Christine Apodaca Phyllis Owens Robert Peralta  
Dolores Cordova Jonathan Pena  
Manuel Castillo, IV Mary T. Sanchez  
Cecelia Rael Nick Ramos Gene Gutierrez  
Andrew Chavez, Jr.  
Lenore Moya Stringer  
Grace Gutierrez Henry D’Herrera  
Michael A. Vallejos Dominic Gallegos

Names will remain on our list for 2 months and then will be removed. Call the office 505-864-8043 when the health of your loved one has improved or if a name needs to be removed. For many years we have listed the names of relatives and friends for whom prayers have been requested. While we try to keep that list updated, some of the names have remained there for years and occasionally we learn that one or several have passed away years ago. The list is really designed for those in immediate and serious need of the prayers of our parishioners and visitors. Also, in view of the current privacy laws in our nation, individuals may not wish to have their names published at all. We have tried to be careful about this and respect their privacy.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

At one point in our journey of faith we all stray from the path of holiness like the prodigal son in the gospel. But how we respond after recognizing that we have sinned determines how we grow in our relationship with God. For some of us, we revert to the tactics of Adam and Eve in the garden, and we try to cover our sins in our ability. In essence, we try to cover our nakedness with fig leaves. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" ( 1Jn 1:9) Confessing our sins means that we uncover the wrongs we have done, and we call them what they are according to the word of God. Every so often the enemy will lie to us that some sins are so huge that God cannot forgive us and so instead of running towards God to find forgiveness and cleansing, we allow guilt and condemnation to cause us to run away from Him. Our responsibility is to confess and not cover our sins and when we do that then God who is described as faithful will not only forgive us of our sin, but he will take it a step further to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Now that's a great reassurance! When it comes to God forgiving us of our sins, he does not forgive as man does. "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." ( Heb 8:12) When God forgives our lawless deeds, he remembers them no more! What a joy and reassurance that should make us not to sin because we want to take advantage of God's forgiveness and goodness, but rather it should make us want to live a righteous life to please him who loves us in this manner. He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. (Pro 28:13) Confessing our sins is one step, but the book of proverbs tells us that we have to take it a notch higher and to forsake the sin that we have confessed, then we will have mercy! It is through the complete work of Christ on the cross that we find forgiveness of our sins according to the riches of his grace. The beauty of confessing to him our brokenness over the sin in our life, he looks at us and says, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more." May his grace nourish us and strength us in our journeys of faith.

Have a blessed day and week ahead Fr. John

En un momento de nuestro camino de fe, todos nos desviamos del camino de la santidad como el hijo pródigo del evangelio. Pero la forma en que respondemos después de reconocer que hemos pecado determina cómo crecemos en nuestra relación con Dios. Algunos de nosotros volvemos a las tácticas de Adán y Eva en el jardín y tratamos de cubrir nuestros pecados con nuestras posibilidades. En esencia, intentamos cubrir nuestra desnudez con hojas de higuera. "Si confesamos nuestros pecados, él es fiel y justo para perdonarnos nuestros pecados y limpiarnos de toda maldad" (1Jn 1:9) Confesar nuestros pecados significa que descubrimos los males que hemos cometido y los llamamos como son según la palabra de Dios. De vez en cuando el enemigo nos mentirá diciendo que algunos pecados son tan grandes que Dios no puede perdonarnos y entonces, en lugar de correr hacia Dios para encontrar perdón y limpieza, permitimos que la culpa y la condenación nos hagan huir de Él. Nuestra responsabilidad es confesar y no cubrir nuestros pecados y cuando lo hacemos, entonces Dios, que se describe como fiel, no solo nos perdonará nuestro pecado, sino que dará un paso más para limpiarnos de toda injusticia. ¡Eso sí que es una gran tranquilidad! Cuando se trata de que Dios nos perdone nuestros pecados, él no perdona como lo hace el hombre. "Porque seré misericordioso con sus injusticias, y nunca más me acordaré de sus pecados y sus iniquidades." (Heb 8:12) Cuando Dios perdona nuestras iniquidades, ¡ya no se acuerda de ellas! Qué alegría y tranquilidad que debería hacernos no pecar porque queremos aprovechar el perdón y la bondad de Dios, sino que debería hacernos querer vivir una vida justa para agradar a aquel que de esta manera nos ama. El que encubre sus pecados no prosperará, pero el que los confiesa y los abandona tendrá misericordia. (Pro 28:13) Confesar nuestros pecados es un paso, pero el libro de proverbios nos dice que tenemos que ir un paso más allá y abandonar el pecado que hemos confesado, ¡entonces tendremos misericordia! Es a través de la obra completa de Cristo en la cruz que encontramos el perdón de nuestros pecados según las riquezas de su gracia. La belleza de confesarle nuestro quebrantamiento por el pecado en nuestra vida, él nos mira y nos dice: "Yo tampoco os condeno, id y no pequéis más". Que su gracia nos nutra y nos fortalezca en nuestro camino de fe.

Que tenga un bendecido día y semana por delante, P. John

## OFFICE STAFF

## HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

**Parish Office Phone:** 864-8043

**Parish email:**  
lobchurch@ourladyofbelen.org

### **Pastor**

Father John Kimani

### **Parochial Vicar**

Father Albert  
Mutebi Ssekabembe

### **Deacons**

DN Manuel Trujillo

DN Jerry Baca

DN John Chavez

### **Business Manager**

Anna Chavez

### **Bookkeeper**

Mellissa Cordova

### **Parish Cemetery Manager**

Janet Garcia

### **Bulletin Editor/Secretary**

Carol Krow

### **Parish Receptionist**

Pat Molina

### **Maintenance**

Martin Dominguez

### **Housekeeping**

Angie Peralta

### **Cemetery Caretakers**

Michael Sedillo

Adaucto Chavez

### **Religious Education**

**Phone Number:** 864-7869

### **Director of Religious Education**

### **Director of Confirmation**

Cindy Treichel

505-864-7869

### **Fiesta Queen Candidates**

Our Lady of Belen is looking for Fiesta Queen candidates; must be in high school to participate 9th grade to 12th grade for the 2024/2025 school year. Fiesta Queen Candidates will need to have volunteer hours done at Our Lady of Belen, help with Queen Breakfast, and fundraising. The Church is also looking for Fiesta Princess candidates: kindergarten to six grade. We encourage all girls that have participated before to join us. All girls will be crowned as our 2024 princesses. If interested, or have questions call or text AnnaMarie Sisneros at 505-410-8010.

**Deadline to sign up is May 15th**

### **Palm Sunday Pilgrimage**

Join Our Lady of Belen Palm Sunday Pilgrimage, March for Life, Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 1:15pm, following the 12 noon Mass at the front of Our Lady of Belen Church. Walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes. As many members as possible, representing each and every parish ministry. There will be a rest stop (Bathroom break) and refreshment at the Ned Baca's reception hall. Those unable to walk can go directly to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Los Chavez and join the walkers through their prayers. Those unable to finish the walk will be picked up along the route by volunteer drivers. Prayers and Benediction service at Our Lady of Guadalupe will be followed by refreshments. Transportation will be provided for the return to Our Lady of Belen. **Walk and pray for the end of abortion and Euthanasia in our world.**

### **Come and Join Us for Prayer, Food and Fellowship**

After Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent (except Good Friday) Our Lady of Belén Parish will be hosting a simple meatless "Soup Supper" consisting of soup, bread, butter and beverage. A different organization/ministry within the parish will prepare the soup supper each week. There is no charge for the supper. The Soup Supper will be held in the Parish Center and will begin after Stations of the Cross have been completed and the food has been blessed. The Sponsoring organizations/ministry is:

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
& ACTS

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

## HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

### **BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is offered every Sunday after the noon Mass. Arrangements are to be made in person at the parish office. A birth certificate is required. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, must of received all their sacraments, and actively practicing their Catholic Faith and must be registered at a Catholic Parish. If Godparents are married, they must be married according to the norms of the Catholic Church. Mandatory Baptismal classes for parents and sponsors are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Faith Formation Center. Baptismal classes in Spanish on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center.

### **RECONCILIATION**

(Confession): Fridays at 5:30pm (after the 5:00pm Mass) and on Saturdays 2:30 or by appointment (call the Parish Office at 864-8043)

### **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

Please contact the Faith Formation Office @505-864-7869 for more information on the requirements for receiving these Sacrament.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural Family Planning.

[www.familylifennm.org](http://www.familylifennm.org)

### **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

The Faith Formation Office is in need of Catechists Grades K-9th. Please include us in your prayers and if you are interested please contact our Office at 505-864-7869. Registration for k-9th grade will begin May 15th through August 29th.

**Talent** - All of us have special talents or gifts, which are a sign of the power and majesty of God, who can do all things. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others and so that we can serve God better. St. Peter in his first epistle tells us, "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others." All of Christ's works need to be done in our parish and community. As you know, Christ is not physically present in our parish to: Visit the sick and elderly, Feed the hungry, Teach those who want to learn, Console the lonely and sorrowful, Pray for the needs and to give a helping hand and a kind word. Christ depends upon each one of us to do these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in His name. That makes us co-workers with Christ in the Holy Works of Redemption. What a privilege!

**Your gift of talent is a special gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."**

### **Archdiocese of Santa Fe - Office of Faith Formation**

#### **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

**For:** Young Adults Ages 18-26, Max 4 Players

**Cost:** \$ 40-per team Saturday,

**Date:** Saturday, May 18th

**Place:** St. Charles Catholic School Gym 1801 Hazeldine Ave. SE Alb. NM

For more info & to register your team contact Gabriel Lopez (505) 274-1164 or at [glopez1822@yahoo.com](mailto:glopez1822@yahoo.com)



Formaciòn las Fe de Nuestra Señora de Belèn



Te invita Cordialmente



AL Retiro sobre el Kerigman

Mensaje de salvaciòn por medio de Jesucristo

Predicacion del Evangelio.



Sabado: 06-Abril-2024

Hora: 8:00AM—5:00PM

Lugar: Salon de Eventos Parish Hall



Sin Costo Totalments en Español

Traer su Comida o Lonch Por Favor



Los Esperamos!!!

