



# MARY, MOTHER OF MANKIND PARISH

## ST. MICHAELS MISSION

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*"Ndi chánah danohfi. shí nihokáá' bił ndahazt'P'ii bik'eh déshdlii'?"* John 16:33b

### Clergy:

- Rev. Peter Michael Short VG

### Staff Members:

- **Secretary:** Juliana Nez

- **Maintenance:** Norvin Thompson

### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday** at 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

**Sunday** at 10 am

### Weekday Masses:

**Monday - Friday** at 5:30 pm (normally in the Parish Center Chapel)

### Confession:

Saturday, 3-4 pm or by appointment

### Baptisms:

Contact Parish Office 1 month in advance

### Marriage:

Contact Office at least 9 months in advance

### Religious Education

Please register in the Parish Office

### RCIA:

Please sign up in the Parish Office

### Rosary and Legion of Mary:

Tuesdays at 6 pm at St. Michaels Parish Center

### AA Meeting:

**Tuesdays** at 6 pm in the Prayer Chapel

### Kateri Circle:

Second Sunday of each month after 10 o'clock Mass.

## Only God is Good

**T**o the young man's important question in the Gospel today, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?", Jesus first reminds him that only God is good. There is no mixture of evil in God. This is important to keep in mind while we meditate on passages of the Scripture which speak of the ideals of our Christian life. Jesus sets us the standard, the goal toward which we must always strive if we are to be

truly Christian, but always knowing, first, that it is His grace alone that enables us to achieve this, and that we will never in this life achieve it fully. This is why he

clarifies to the young man in the Gospel – who was undoubtedly a very good young man – that only God is good, and all goodness comes from Him.

In reply to the man's question, Jesus says first to obey the commandments, and quotes the commandments of the second tablet of the law. This is the "floor", the minimum necessary to be truly good in this life. God gives each of us the grace to obey the commandments if we are open to that grace. Not to steal or lie or kill innocent human beings, to honor your parents and to avoid adultery are what all Christians are called to do in life. No one is excepted from these commandments; and all will struggle with them at some point in their life. It is because we are imperfect that the mercy of God is so important: His forgiveness can obliterate even the worst of sins.

To some, however, God calls to live more closely to Him, poor and detached from things in this world, to be free to love Him with an undivided heart. To follow Jesus in this way is a free decision on our part (after being called by Him) and some, such as this young man today, decide not to. The young man went away saddened by his own decision. We can only imagine the sadness in Jesus' heart at his refusal. Let us pray to be always generous in our response to the call of God in our lives. It will bring us joy.



Fr. Peter

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Next meeting: TBA

**Parish Finance Council:**

**Next Meeting: October 17 at 6 pm.**

**Family Prayer of the Week:**

*(Prayed perhaps before a meal together. Here it is written in English, but it certainly can be said in one's native language.)*

**Act of Contrition**  
**O my God, I am heartfully sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishment, but most of all because I have offended thee my God, who is all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.**

**Mass Intentions:**

- Oct. 12 - + Elizabeth Zepeda
  - Oct.13 - For the Parish
  - Oct. 14 - + Mark Matrese
  - Oct. 15 - + Anthony Antenucci
  - Oct. 16 - + Anthony Antenucci
  - Oct. 17, + Anthony Antenucci
  - Oct. 18 - + Anthony Antenucci
  - Oct. 19 - + Anthony Antenucci
- Contact parish office to submit Mass intentions. (\$10 stipend is requested).*

**Last Sunday's Collection**  
**\$1115.76**  
Your support maintains our parish. Thank you.

*Parish Announcements:*

**SOUTHWEST CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
**"Potter's Hands"**  
Special Guests include Paul J. Kim and Marie Miller  
October 19, 2024 (8 am - 6 pm).  
Henderson Auditorium  
San Juan College, Farmington, NM Presented by Life Guard. Call 970-385-8451 for more information

**Prayer in the Family**

This bulletin we suggest the family pray together the **Act of Contrition.**

**Diocesan Rosary Rally**

**October 13, beginning at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3 pm. and processing to St. Francis Church (where there will be the celebration of Holy Mass at 4pm)**

*Please sign up for the preparation of your children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation (if they are in 2nd grade or older) in the parish office, weekdays from 1-5 pm. Catechesis begins in October.*

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PARISH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (928) 270-3450**

**Saints of the Week**

**St. Teresa of Jesus (October 15)** was born in 1515 in Avila, Spain. She was the third of nine children, and her mother died when she was twelve. For the next few years, she became very worldly due to the influence of one of her cousins. When her father found this out, he sent her to board in a convent where she was deeply influenced by the virtue of the nuns and grew in her desire to become a saint. She struggled with the idea of becoming herself a nun, thinking herself unworthy, and her father opposed the idea as well. Finally, she overcame her fear and entered a Carmelite monastery at the age of twenty and found peace. In her late thirties, Teresa had what may be called a second conversion where she realized she was not striving hard enough to grow in holiness and noticed that the sisters in the monastery had also lapsed into a comfortable, even worldly, life. She embarked on a path to renew the Carmelite Order (the reformed or "Discalced" Carmelites) and eventually founded 17 monasteries in Spain for women and two for men. She wrote four books on the Spiritual life and prayer as well as many other letters and was declared Doctor of the Church. She died in 1582 and is patroness of those in need of grace and invoked in bodily ills, particularly headaches.



**Lector Schedule**

<b>October 12,13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Saturday	Ron Duncan
Sunday	Olivia Benally
<b>October 19,20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Saturday	Fannie David
Sunday	Clarita Meehleib