



# El Diácono



April 2026

A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

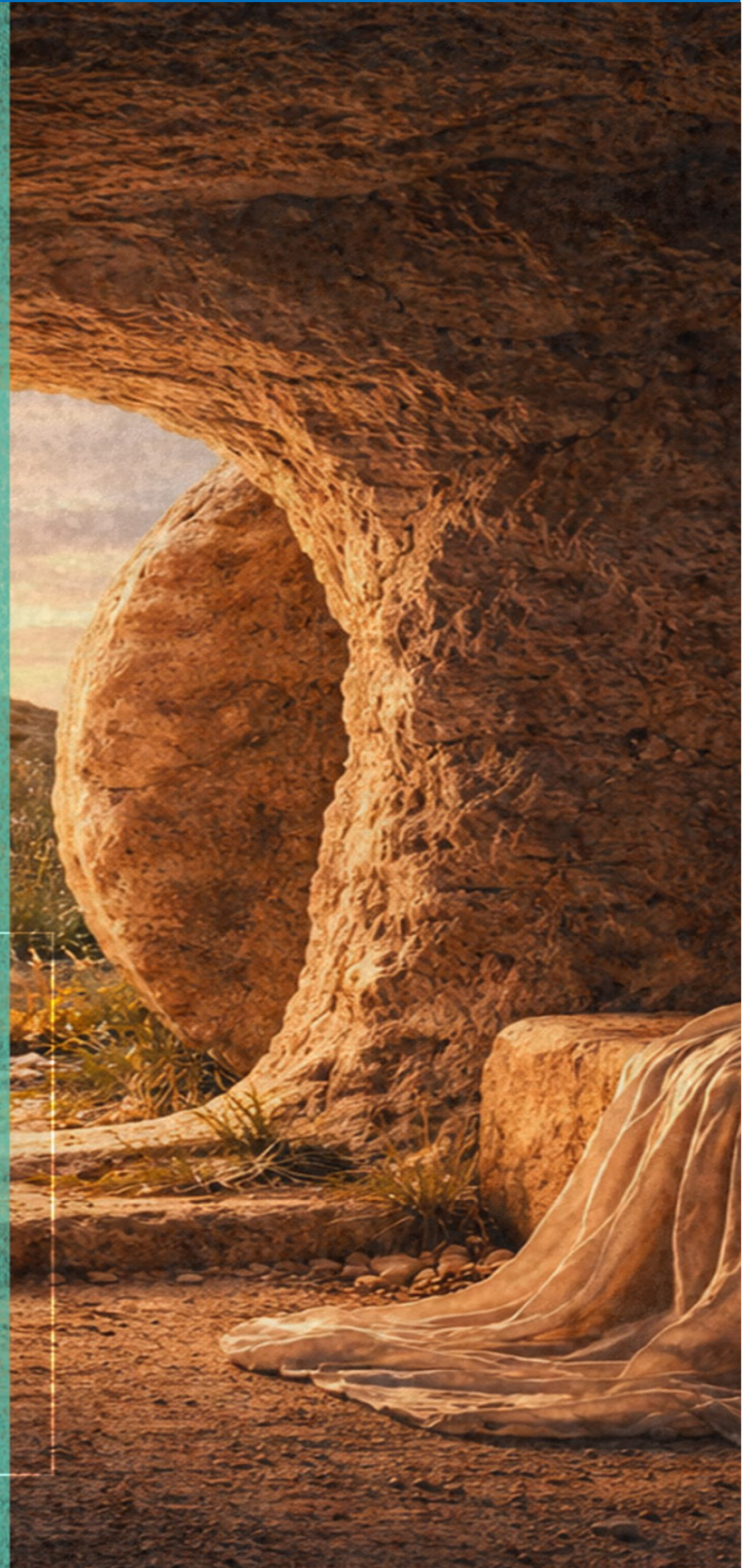
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"Don't be alarmed,"  
he said.

"You are looking for  
Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was crucified.

*He has risen!*  
He is not here.  
See the place  
where they laid him."

Mark 16:6, NIV





As the season of Lent comes to its conclusion with the celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, spring is beginning to unfold in the Land of Enchantment. The irony, of course, is that the word Lent is derived from the old English word "lencten," which means "spring."

Like Lent, spring is a time for renewal and this certainly continues into the Easter season.

For us, especially in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, we look for continued renewal through the Rebuild My Church Campaign as we implement our deanery plans. We look with anticipation toward the report from the Steier Group who conducted a study on the viability of a capital campaign for the Archdiocese. And we are sitting on pins and needles knowing that Archbishop Wester has submitted his letter of retirement. We could have a new shepherd appointed at any time. And the Deacon Community itself is in a process of renewal with the forming of a new deacon formation cohort

All that said, we continue to serve the people of our parishes and assist them through their own renewal as we all draw closer to our Lord.

The Deacon Council has been very active and is working on several projects (see their article starting on page 9). They will begin an overhaul of the Deacon Policy Manual. Your input is needed to make this effort a success. You can read the Policy Manual by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Archbishop Wester was honored at the recent Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week which was held in Santa Fe. His keynote address on the role of the Assembly at Mass was well received and published in the newsletter for the FDLC. You can read it [HERE](#).

As we transition to a new archbishop, more may be asked of you. I know that you can be counted on through all the renewal that is occurring.

Blessings on you and your families!

*Den. Keith Davis*

Director, Office of Deacons



## THE 2026 DEACON COMMUNITY RETREAT

### “Servants of Mercy”

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Sheraton Airport Hotel  
Albuquerque

Retreat Master: **Dcn. Scott Dodge**, Director of the Office of Deacons  
for the Diocese of Salt Lake City

Registration materials will be available soon.

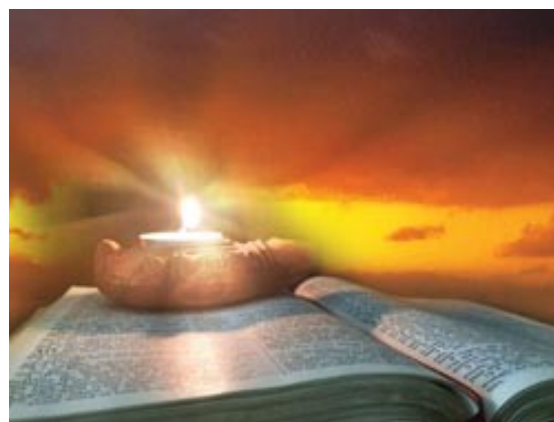
**If you would like to be a part of planning this year’s retreat,  
contact the deacon office.**



## Deacon In-Service PowerPoints and Notes

Thanks to the Archdiocesan Tribunal and especially Fr. Ron Walters, Judicial Vicar, Fr. Steve Rosera, Adjutant Vicar and Fr. Art Anderson who helped us all to better understand our role in ministering to those in need.

As a reminder, if you are willing to serve as an advocate for those seeking annulments or as an assessor with the Tribunal, please contact Dcn. Keith. He will forward your information to Fr. Ron.



For access to the In-service PowerPoints and notes, [CLICK HERE!](#)



## **It's *(past)* Time to Report Your Continuing Education Hours!**

Each year, deacons are asked to submit the hours they achieved in their continuing education and spiritual formation. Each permanent deacon who is granted faculties to function within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is expected to complete a minimum of forty hours of continuing education each year. Hours of continuing education are determined on the basis of clock time actually spent in attending formal classes, lectures, seminars, and workshops on academic subjects related to the personal development of the deacon as an ordained minister. Newly ordained deacons must participate in their own formation as part of this requirement. Deacons are also expected to participate in an annual retreat.

Use this link to report your form, or download the form from the deacon website.

<https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/continuing-education-report-form>

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



# VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Online

Just a reminder that all deacons must remain in compliance with the Archdiocesan Call to Protect protocols, including keeping current (every five years) with your VIRTUS training. If you are not certain if you are in compliance, you can look it up at the link below, or contact Yolanda at the Deacon Office.

[English Virtus Link](#)

[Spanish Virtus Link](#)

Translators

Needed

The Deacon Office is looking for help in ensuring that the materials from the office are translated into Spanish effectively. If you are bilingual and have an hour or two per month to review newsletters and other published materials produced by the Deacon Office, please contact Dcn. Keith at the Deacon Office.



## Tax Manual for Deacons

The **2025 Edition of Tax Manual For Deacons** is now available.

Recent legislation created and enhanced tax savings opportunities for clergy. New deductions include a new form that may provide thousands of dollars of additional deductions for 2025. Since 1913 this is only the eighth significant tax law change, making it historic in many ways.

Once ordained, deacons who work full-time or part-time in ministry fall under the same tax rules as diocesan priests. Many deacons and places where they serve are not aware of this. In addition, there are tax strategies for deacons that may save them significant tax dollars.



Tax Manual For Deacons takes into account all law updates to date, including figures, forms, and data that are or may be primary items of interest and affecting deacons.


To order Tax Manual For Deacons go to the website [www.ShepherdsAdvisor.org](http://www.ShepherdsAdvisor.org) then select the Tax Manual For Deacons page on the green menu bar and scroll down. Due to the booklet format (84 pages cover to cover) the 2025 Edition is again available in both hardcopy and PDF on the website.



# DIACONAL MINISTRIES

Growing in Greater Intimacy  
with Christ the Servant







Deacon Dominic Cerrato, Ph.D.

## Rediscover and Deepen Your Call to the Diaconate

Diaconal Ministries exists to accompany you in the quiet renewal of your call, drawing you more deeply into communion with Christ the Servant so that your preaching, your service at the altar, and your care for those entrusted to you flow from a living, prayerful heart. Through free formation and pastoral support, we seek to strengthen your identity, sustain your mission, and rekindle the grace of your ordination so that your ministry may bear lasting fruit for the Church.



Podcasts Blogs Reflections Retreats Webinars More...

Visit our website ([diaconalministries.org](http://diaconalministries.org)) or scan the QR code to discover free formation and pastoral support

Website



# Deacon Formation

## We Need More Deacons!

If you know of a man who you think would make a good deacon, feel free to discuss this with him and have him contact the Deacon Office. Better yet, he can fill out an information form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/inquirercontact>



This new endowment through the Catholic Foundation, will support our deacon formation program.

Your generosity will help to support this important work and enable the formation team to provide better formation.

You can donate online by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## New Formation Team Member

Thanks to a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Dee Hernandez, wife of Dcn. Lou Hernandez has joined the formation team as coordinator of the formation for the wives of the Aspirants and Candidates.

She joins, Fr. Chris Hallada, Director of Spiritual Formation, Dcn. Doug Feery, Director of the Mentor Program and Dcn. Tony Rivera, Director of Supervised Field Experiences.

## Upcoming Formation Schedule

April 10-11 Reader: Proclamation of the Word—Dcn. Mark Bussemeier and Mr. Kevin Newman, St. John XXIII Parish

April 18 Intro to the Old Testament—Dr. Keith Davis, Pastoral Center

May 15-16 Intro to the New Testament—Dr. Jason Rodarte, Pastoral Center

2028 Cohort

2030 Cohort



Copies of this poster are available in both English and Spanish at the Deacon Office. Contact Yolanda if you would like one for your parish.

## Post Ordination Formation

“There are particular matters relevant to the newly ordained. It is important, therefore, that the newly ordained begin their ministry in a positive and supportive manner. A program is to be planned for the first five years of their ministry ...” (National Directory for the Formation and Life of Permanent Deacons in the U.S.)

**May 9**

**9am to 3:30pm**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Albuquerque**

If you were ordained in **2023** or **2025**, [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

### Workshop Topics include:

- ⇒ OCIA—Mr. Ken Griesemer
- ⇒ Liturgical Chant—Mr. Kevin Newman
- ⇒ Marriage Preparation—Dcn. Pat and Kerrie Sena
- ⇒ Spirituality—TBD
- ⇒ Outreach—Dcn. Robert Vigil
- ⇒ Plus a workshop for deacon’s wives—Ms. Deana Hernandez



**August 29**

**Save the date.**



# Ongoing Formation Opportunities



**Virtual  
Learning  
Community**  
**For Faith Formation**

The next term for VLCFF begins on April 13. Registration closes on April 9.

36 courses offered in English and 19 in Spanish. Tuition is only \$50 for these 5-week classes.

Click on the logo for more information: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

## The Josephinum Connect for Deacons (The Josephinum Diaconate Institute)

### Ongoing Formation for Ministry and Life

Whether you are looking to grow in pastoral skills, deepen your theological understanding, or stay current on issues facing the Church today, this program covers the full range of personal and ministerial development. With new courses added monthly, there is always something fresh to explore.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#).



**Catholic International University** offers the flexibility and support you need to succeed in pursuing formation as a deacon. You will find a range of courses and degree programs designed to accommodate busy schedules, while also providing a faith-based education. Whether you are seeking personal growth, spiritual enrichment, or professional advancement, Catholic International University is dedicated to helping students achieve their goals.

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Master of  
Theological Studies

St. Norbert College, in cooperation with the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, offers a professional degree for pastoral ministry for students in New Mexico and neighboring states. The MTS degree grounds students in the Christian tradition as a base from which to address the changing realities of parishes and congregations. Classes are offered (online) Friday evenings and Saturdays for maximum flexibility.

**For more information on the St. Norbert MTS Program**

[CLICK HERE.](#)

## **The Importance of the 40-Hour Continuing Education Program for the Permanent Diaconate**

By Deacon John Cordova  
Chairman, Deacon Council

The ministry of the permanent deacon is a sacred vocation of service to the Church. Through the ministries of Word, Liturgy, and Charity, deacons assist bishops and priests while serving the people of God in parishes and communities. Because the pastoral needs of the Church continually evolve, ongoing formation is essential.

For this reason, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe requires permanent deacons who are actively serving in ministry to complete and report a minimum of forty hours of continuing education each year. This continuing education program is an important element in the life and ministry of the deacon, ensuring that they remain spiritually grounded, pastorally effective, and theologically informed.

### **A Commitment to Ongoing Formation**

Ordination to the diaconate is not the end of our formation but the beginning of a lifelong journey of learning and spiritual growth. The Church recognizes that the pastoral challenges faced by clergy change over time. New social issues, pastoral needs, theological insights, and cultural realities require clerics to remain informed and prepared.

Completing annual continuing education requirements reflects the deacon's commitment to lifelong formation as ordained members of the Church. By participating in ongoing learning, deacons deepen their understanding of theology, pastoral care, Scripture and Church teaching while strengthening their ability to effectively serve the faithful.

The forty-hour requirement in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe ensures that deacons regularly en-



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gage in educational opportunities that enrich their ministry and personal development as ordained clergy.

### **How do we meet the requirement?**

Continuing education hours are typically measured according to the actual time spent in structured learning activities. These activities often include:

- ◆ Academic courses related to theology or ministry
- ◆ Workshops or seminars offered by diocesan offices
- ◆ Retreats, conferences, or pastoral training programs
- ◆ Liturgical formation or catechetical training
- ◆ Spiritual or pastoral development programs
- ◆ Individualized study programs

These programs help deacons remain current in areas such as pastoral counseling, sacramental preparation, scriptural knowledge, Church teachings, preaching, social justice issues, current events within the Church and evangelization. Each hour of instruction normally corresponds to one hour of continuing education credit.

Newly ordained deacons also participate in additional formation programs designed to support them during the first years of ministry. These programs help them integrate their new responsibilities and develop confidence in their pastoral service.

### **Spiritual Growth and Personal Renewal**

Continuing education is not limited to academic knowledge. It also encourages spiritual renewal and personal growth. Deacons are expected to nurture their spiritual life through prayer, retreats, and reflection. The archdiocese also encourages participation in an annual retreat, as well as organized in-service programs during the year which complement the educational component of ongoing formation. Such opportunities allow deacons to deepen their relationship with Christ, strengthen their commitment to service, and renew the spiritual foundation of their ministry.

### **Accountability and Responsibility**

Each deacon is responsible for tracking and reporting the continuing education hours completed during the year. This process ensures accountability and helps the archdiocese maintain a high standard of ministerial formation.

By submitting their hours annually, deacons demonstrate their commitment to growth and a



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fidelity to the responsibilities entrusted to them by the Church. The reporting process also allows diocesan leadership to support deacons by providing additional training opportunities and resources for ongoing formation. (see page 4 for details)



### Strengthening the Mission of the Church

The continuing education program ultimately benefits not only the deacons themselves but also the entire Church community. Well-formed deacons are better equipped to:

- ◆ Preach and teach the Gospel effectively
- ◆ Serve the poor and marginalized with compassion
- ◆ Assist pastors in parish leadership
- ◆ Support families and individuals in times of need
- ◆ Become ambassadors of the Church's teaching on Social Justice
- ◆ Promote evangelization and faith formation

Through ongoing formation, deacons grow in wisdom and pastoral skill, enabling them to respond faithfully to the needs of the people they serve. This formation benefits the entire Church and reflects well on the ordained minister known as deacon.

## St. Stephen Fund



This fund is established according to the Archdioceses of Santa Fe Deacon Council by-laws and constitution. It is an approved fund for the designated purpose of giving financial assistance to Permanent Deacons and/or their wives. The St. Stephen Fund is intended to be temporary assistance during a time of crisis or when grave financial need has been identified. Assistance from the fund is intended to be a one-time gift, but under certain circumstances the St Stephen Fund Committee may decide to help on more than one occasion. The Permanent Deacon or widow requesting assistance must complete a Request for [ASSISTANCE FORM](#) (on-line) or contact the Deacon Office.

## Direct Contributions

You can now make direct contributions to the St Stephen's Fund through the link below.:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Twwtgk>



# DEACON BIRTHDAYS

## April Through June

### April

- 1 Leandro Centenera  
Juan Rodriguez
- 2 Anthony Martinez
- 3 John (Jack) Granato
- 4 Raul Talavera  
Stan Sluder
- 7 Mark Bussemeier
- 11 Paul LeFebre
- 12 Buck Sanchez  
Claren Martinez
- 16 Bruce Ecklund  
Charles Schwenn
- 17 Tony Rivera  
Timothy Parker
- 19 Bernard Ela
- 20 Eric Buenaventa
- 23 Jose Lucero
- 24 Salvador Mercado  
Paul Baca

- 26 Robert Sanchez
- 27 James Dinkel  
Hector Aguirre
- 26 Martin Chairez
- 29 George Sandoval

### May

- 3 George Meyerson
- 5 Robert Vigil
- 7 Charlie Duran
- 12 Enrique Padilla  
Romolo Arellano  
Marcus Montano
- 13 Fabian Gagnon  
Jeff McCarthy
- 14 John Cordova
- 16 Manny Montoya
- 20 Alex Valdez
- 21 Larry Torres
- 22 Thomas Baca

### May, Cont.

- 25 Michael Salazar
- 26 Ricardo Romero  
John Chavez
- 28 Michael Otero  
Joseph Garcia  
Ricardo Maestas
- 29 Roger Ayers
- 30 Rudy Rael  
Guadalupe Sosa
- 31 Maurice Graff

- 2 Ralph Vigil
- 8 Andrew Chavez  
Juan Martinez
- 10 Pilar Garcia
- 14 Leroy Chavez  
Eloy Gallegos  
Manuel Garcia
- 15 Paul Nguyen
- 17 Dennis Snyder
- 18 Joe Herrera
- 20 Donald Martinez
- 24 Steve Fraker

### June

- 1 Faustin Archuleta  
Norbert Sanchez





### Rest in Peace

Deacon Donald Contreras Passed away shortly before Christmas and was laid to rest in January. He was ordained in 2003 and served at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center. He had been on leave for several years caring for his parents.

*Please Pray for our Deceased Deacons!*

#### April

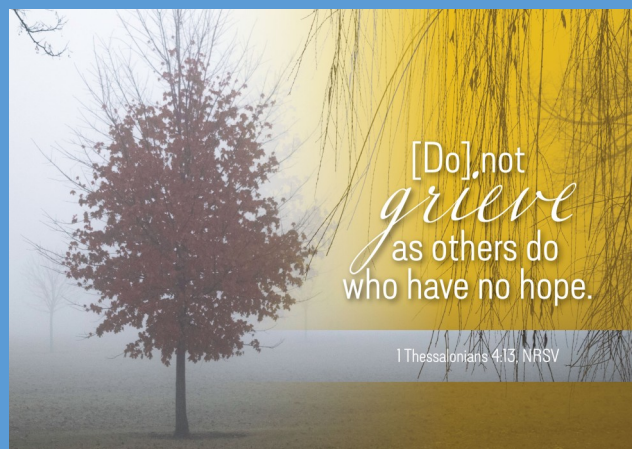
- 1 Deacon Robert Stromberg
- 8 Deacon John O. Leahigh
- 8 Deacon Gerald Hietpas
- 13 Deacon Tom Jones
- 16 Deacon Patrick Cooney
- 24 Deacon Arsenio Sanchez
- 26 Deacon Harry L. Gogann
- 28 Deacon Vincente Armijo
- 28 Deacon Facundo Rodriguez

#### June

- 1 Deacon Harold Gallegos
- 7 Deacon Victor S. Arquello
- 7 Deacon James Baca
- 8 Deacon William Hoeffler
- 8 Deacon Alberto Arquero
- 12 Deacon Aston Bailey
- 15 Deacon Antonio Rodriguez
- 21 Deacon Pete Santiestevan
- 27 Deacon Jose Sanchez

#### May

- 4 Deacon Alfred "Edwin" Esquibel
- 5 Deacon Ubaldo Chavez
- 12 Deacon Charles Lucero
- 16 Deacon Alton Adams
- 21 Deacon Alphonse Ballard
- 22 Deacon Robert L. Jiron
- 25 Deacon Frank See
- 26 Deacon Daniel Padilla
- 26 Deacon Ron White
- 27 Deacon Thomas E. Valkenburgh





## Changes to Deacon Assignments

Effective Tuesday, August 19, 2025 -**Deacon Theodore Branch**, previously assigned at San Isidro in Santa Fe, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Anne in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Larry Brito.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon Donald Serrano**, previously assigned at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Rector, Very Reverend John Cannon.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon Larry Cleveland**, has been granted retirement after serving over 32 years.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon John Bird**, has been granted retirement after serving over 16 years.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon Bernard Ela**, previously assigned at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Ysidro in Corrales, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend James McGowan.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon Constantino Avalos-Sanchez**, previously assigned at Holy Family in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Anne in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Irby Nichols.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 -**Deacon Pilar Garcia** has been granted retirement after serving over 51 years.

Effective Thursday, January 29, 2026 -**Deacon Ruben Zamudio**, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

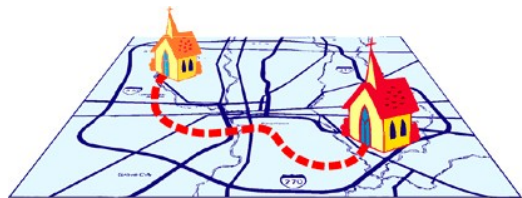
Effective Tuesday, February 10, 2026 -**Deacon Steve Thomas**, newly arrived, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Edward Domme.

Effective Sunday, February 22, 2026 - **Deacon Timoteo Lujan**, previously assigned to Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Francis Xavier in Albuquerque under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Bijoy Francis.

### Parishes Requesting a Deacon

The following parishes have requested a deacon.

- ◆ Queen of Heaven (ABQ)
- ◆ Sangre de Cristo (ABQ)
- ◆ St. Edwin (AQB)
- ◆ Immaculate Conception (Tomé)



## Parish Transfers



## Faculties for Deacons

Deacons in good standing in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe are granted the following faculties (permissions) related to ministry within the Archdiocese. *For ministry outside of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, you must obtain permission from the bishop of the diocese where you will exercise that ministry. For a letter of good standing, contact the Vicar for Clergy office (stetrick@asfnm.org).*

**Preaching:** Preaching in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is expressly limited for all deacons. Having received the faculty to preach, a deacon must obtain the permission of the local pastor, a chaplain, etc. to preach.

**Baptism:** All permanent deacons are ordinary ministers of baptism. To exercise this ministry outside of the deacon's assigned parish requires the consent of the pastor of the parish in which the baptism will take place. Deacons may also baptize adults (over the age of 14). No baptisms may take place in private homes.

**Confirmation:** Deacons **may not** validly confirm at any time.

**Eucharist:** Deacons are ordinary ministers of the distribution of Holy Communion. Permanent deacons are also ordinary ministers of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharistic Blessing. They may also give Viaticum to the dying.

**Marriage:** Deacons may assist at marriages with their assigned parish. Delegation from the pastor must be obtained for a marriage outside of the assigned parish within the archdiocese. This delegation must be obtained **in writing**. A retired deacon may not validly assist at a marriage, even within his own parish of assignment without the express delegation of the pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Deacons **may not** validly administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Christian Burial:** Permanent deacons are authorized to preside at all Rites of Christian Burial except, of course, the Funeral Mass. They are also permitted to celebrate the Christian burial for children not yet baptized, but whose parents had intended to have them baptized. The Funeral Rite **may not** be celebrated in a mortuary. The place for the Funeral Rite is the parish church or chapels located at Mt. Calvary or Gate of Heaven cemeteries.

**Blessings:** A deacon may give all the blessings in the rites of which he is the minister (Baptism, Holy Communion, Marriage outside of Mass and Christian burial). The deacon may also impart blessings found in the Book of Blessings other than those restricted to priests and bishops. Deacons are permitted to bless throats, medals, ashes and distribute them, rosaries and religious articles.



## Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials April through June 2026

### April

- 2 Holy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- 4 Holy Saturday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- 21 St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor
- 23 St. George, Martyr
- 23 St. Adalbert, Bishop/Martyr
- 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest/Martyr
- 25 St. Mark the Evangelist
- 28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest/Martyr
- 28 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin/Doctor
- 30 St. Pius V, Pope

### May

- 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 St. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
- 13 St. Pancras, Martyr
- 14 St. Isidore
- 17 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- 18 St. John I, Pope/Martyr
- 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- 21 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
- 22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- 24 Solemnity of Pentecost
- 25 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest
- 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- 29 Pope Paul VI, Pope
- 31 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### June

- 1 St. Justin, Martyr
- 2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions/Martyrs
- 5 St. Boniface, Bishop/Martyr
- 6 St. Norbert, Bishop
- 7 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 9 St. Ephrem, Deacon/Doctor
- 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 13 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest/Doctor
- 19 St. Romuald, Abbot
- 22 St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
- 23 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs
- 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop/Doctor
- 29 Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

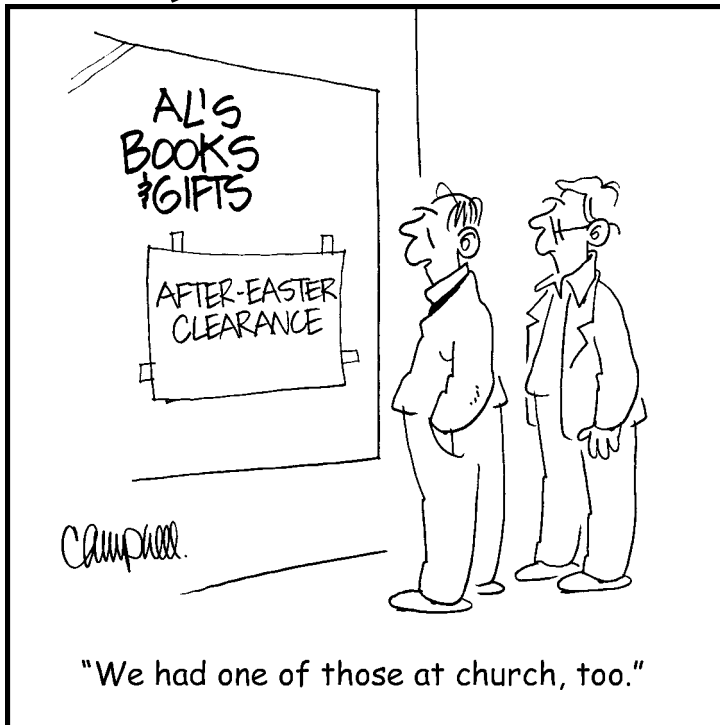
### **Year of St. Francis of Assisi**

On January 10, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established the YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the saint's Transitus to Heaven.

The initiative was proclaimed through a Decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, which states that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, it is possible to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.



## Just for Fun!

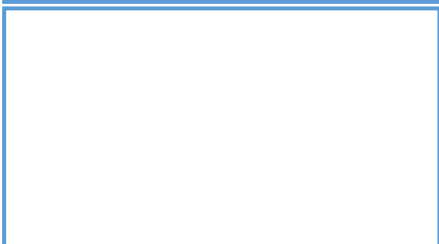
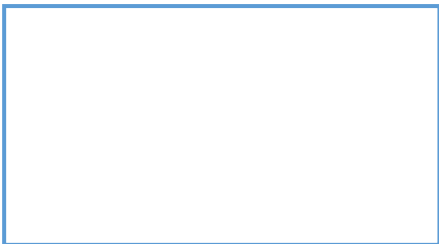
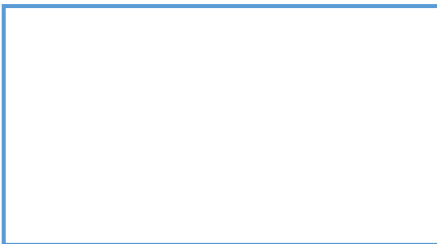


**Deacons: Update your contact information.** If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Deacon Office. This helps facilitate communication between you, the Deacon Community and the Archdiocese. Contact Yolanda Lovato at 505-831-8246 or by email at [ylovato@asfnm.org](mailto:ylovato@asfnm.org)

**NOTICE**

Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to include in the El Diácono Newsletter that would be of interest to the Deacon Community, i.e., special events, accomplishments, ministry work, etc., please inform the Deacon Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the April through June 2026 time frame with a submission deadline of June 5, 2026 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.

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