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The Office of Deacons would like to thank you for your ministry to the Church, The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and to the many services provided to the people of God and the entire community. May God Bless you abundantly!

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Sacred Triduum



The pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year is the most solemn and glorious Holy Week. It is considered more sacred than Christmas! Why? Because Holy week represents the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and culminates on Easter Sunday. The closer you get to Easter, the solemnity heightens. From sundown Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. These three days is referred to as the *Easter Triduum*, or, *Sacred Triduum*, or, *Paschal Triduum*.

The word "triduum" comes from Latin meaning three days (*tris (three), dies (days)*). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is a great festival recounting and celebrating the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. Here is a breakdown of the Sacred Triduum.

Holy Thursday: The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is *The Mass of the Lord's Last Supper*. Here the Church relives the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper. After the homily there is an optional "Washing of the feet" ceremony where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant. (Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass is celebrated. The Holy Thursday Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of Repose," a place away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated.

Good Friday: Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is crucifixion day, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The Church's main altar is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle; it was carried away on Holy Thursday to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. Even the candle by the tabernacle is extinguished and the tabernacle doors are left open. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass — it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. **Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.** Good Friday services often take place at 3:00 PM, the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross.



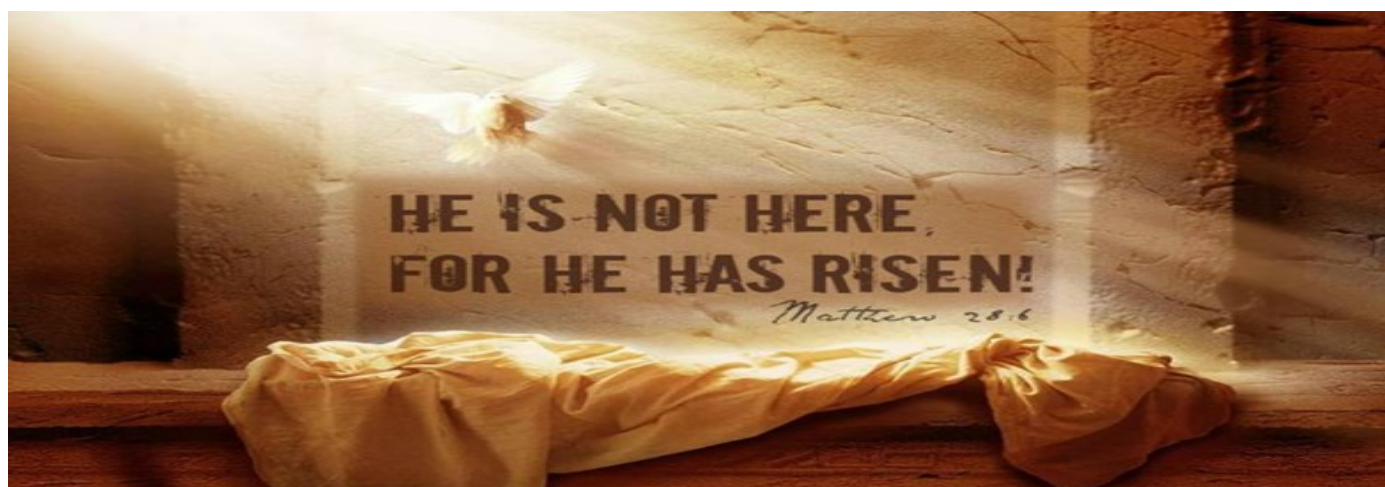
Holy Saturday: On this day there is no daytime Mass. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins in the evening. Recall on this day with Mary and the disciples that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as he lay in the tomb. Many Catholics continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday.

In the Apostles Creed we pray “He descended into hell” (translated as *hades*, the temporary abode of the dead). It describes what happened to Jesus between his burial and Resurrection. Theological scholars tell us that Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save all the righteous souls who died before his crucifixion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus’ descent into the realm of the dead “the last phase of Jesus’ messianic mission that opened heaven’s gates to the just who had gone before him (CCC 631-635).

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. This Mass is called the Easter Vigil and is the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy of the Church. This is also the Mass in which RCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

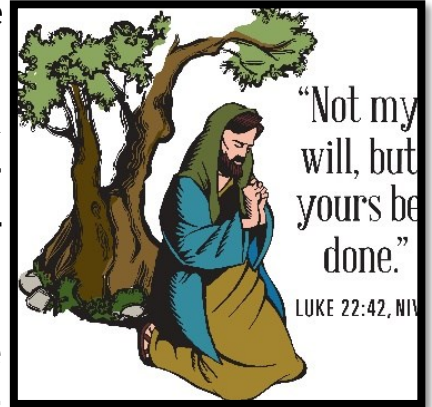
Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday is what we Christians have been waiting for! Forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day. Our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the Paschal mystery: the Resurrection. “*Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts’, the Solemnity of solemnities’, just as Eucharist is the ‘Sacrament of sacraments’. St. Athanasius calls Easter ‘the Great Sunday’ and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week ‘the Great Week’. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him*” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168-1169).





My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diaconate Community,

As we approach the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum, we will be immersed into the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. Beginning on Passion (Palm) Sunday and continuing through Good Friday, our focus is almost entirely on Christ's obedience to his Father — an obedience unto his death on the Cross.



Perhaps these final days of our Lenten pilgrimage can be a time of reflection on our own obedience — the promises we have made. Obedience, first of all, to God. We promised obedience at our baptism (or the promises were made on our behalf) and confirmation. We renew this promise in a special way each year at Easter.

Those of us who are married also made a promise of obedience on our wedding day. Our spouse deserves our obedience — to be true in our love for him or her alone. To always be conscious of improving our relationships, and putting our marriage first.

Of course, as deacons we also made a promise of obedience to our bishop and to his successors. This promise is based on the fact that we were ordained for ministry to the Archdiocese and that the priorities of the Archdiocese and our ministerial priorities must be in sync.

I don't know about you, but obedience can be difficult. As much as I try to be obedient to God, I seem to keep messing it up through my sin.

As much as I love my wife and try to be obedient, my ego sometimes gets in the way.

As much as I want to be in harmony with the archbishop's priorities, my own ministerial initiative get in the way and I lose focus.

So, this Holy Week, I invite you to join me in reflecting on our promises of obedience — to God, our spouses and to our Archbishop. Perhaps this would be a helpful way of uniting ourselves with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross — and bring us to a joy-filled Easter.

Dcn. Keith Davis

Director, Office of the Diaconate



Happy Mother's Day !

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, May 14. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.





Memorial Day

By Deacon Jack Granato



Yep, that is me at 13-years-old — I’m the one wearing a plumed shapo and lugging a military snare drum. With me is my cousin on my left and my sister on the right. I had just finished marching in the 1959 Memorial Day parade down Blackwell Avenue in Dover, New Jersey with the Dover Cadets. The Cadets were the lead marching band followed by units of Korean War, WWII, WWI, and Spanish-American war vets. The parade ended at the Dover Memorial Park where each of the veteran units laid a reef at the foot of the statue of Colonel Joseph W. Allen, New Jersey 9th Infantry Commander. It was there that I got to shake hands

with a Spanish-American War veteran (Can’t remember the name) who was an Army Mule Skinner. (My mind was racing: why would you want to “skin” a mule?) The veteran put me at ease when he explained that mule skimmers were the Army personnel who took care of pack mules and horses. These mules and horses were how food, ammunition, and other supplies got to the front lines during the war. After visiting the other vet units, my sister and I went with our parents to place flags and flowers on the graves of fallen military at the Dover Memorial Gravesite.

Memorial Day, originally called “Decoration Day,” honors all military who have died during service to the nation. It was declared a national holiday through an act of Congress in 1971, and its roots date back to the Civil War era. Many cities and towns have Memorial Day parades and people wear red poppies in honor of those who died serving our nation during war.

My question to you is this: What will you be doing on Memorial Day?

Will you stop whatever you are doing for a 3 minute moment of silence a 3:00 PM on Memorial Day?





Deacon Personnel Board

Deacons, as we all know, are called to serve the needs of the Archdiocese. To that end, we may be called to serve in various parishes and ministries. Our assignments are issued from the archbishop who relies on the advice of the Vicar of Clergy and the Director of the Office of Deacons.

The Office of Deacons is adding an additional layer of consultation by the appointment of deacons, priests and laity to a Deacon Personnel Board. This board will meet at least a few times per year to assess the needs of the Archdiocese for diaconal ministry and to find deacons to satisfy those needs.

If you are interested in serving on the Deacon Personnel Board, please contact Deacon Keith Davis at kdavis@archdiosf.org.



**PERSONNEL
Board**



Finding Faith

By Andrew Hadcock, M.A.

I must admit, I did not know the University of Dayton existed until I enrolled in classes through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

This was my first online learning experience. My first classes were limited to only specific courses, and all of my classmates were fellow diaconate candidates from New Mexico. We gathered remotely and shared thoughts on what we were learning. I enjoyed the convenience of asynchronous classes and was able to complete assignments at any hour.

But my excitement for [VLCFF online classes](#) increased exponentially when I found a wide array of topics that I could choose on my own. I've learned how the Church can improve ministry to people with disabilities, the needs of the elderly, how the sacraments are available to people who are on the Autism spectrum and, most importantly, what other people are doing in their own parishes around the world from New Orleans to Tonga. That is what is amazing to me.

I have learned so many new ways other people are overcoming challenges for our faithful. It is refreshing to have different cultures and ways of life and witness living examples of how to share the faith in ways I never imagined. There is a positive attitude in the people I've interacted with that encourages finding solutions for situations that once seemed hopeless or futile.

I've been completing VLCFF classes since 2017 and will continue to take more courses and learn as much as possible because there are so many ways we can be Christian in our actions with others. Every Catholic needs to know about the vast knowledge and friendships that await through the University of Dayton's VLCFF.

The VLCFF online is year-round, with three-and five-week courses in English, Spanish and Arabic, plus certificate programs, diaconate courses and more. For 2023, [see the schedule and list of courses](#).

Andrew Hadcock is currently a real estate broker in New Mexico and will become a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 3. He says he has no intention of retiring once ordained.



June 3rd, 2023, Rite of Ordination for Deacons
 10:00 AM Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, New Mexico

NAME	CHURCH
Rogelio Anaya	Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, ABQ
Martin Chairez	San Martin, ABQ
Leroy Chavez	St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, ABQ
Bernard Ela	St Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Douglas Feery	St John XXIII, ABQ
Lloyd Garley	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Andrew Hadcock	St Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Louis Herrera	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Philip Kahle	St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Charles Metzler, Jr	St. Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Brian Mora	St. Bernadette, ABQ
Eugene Padilla	Church of the Ascension, ABQ
Angel Rivera	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Dan Sanchez	San Felipe de Neri, ABQ
Jeffrey Schaff	St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Stanley Sluder	Our Lady of the Annunciation, ABQ
Robert Tarin	St Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Dominic Valencia	St. Jude Thaddeus, ABQ



June 10th, 2023, Rite of Ordination for Deacons

10:00 AM Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, New Mexico

NAME	CHURCH
Paul Benoit	St Helen, Portales
John Chavez	Our lady of Belen, Belen
James Dinkel	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Los Alamos
Joh Fischer	San Isidro, Santa Fe
Javier Madrid	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Clovis
Christopher Martinez	Our Lady of Belen, Belen
Claren Martinez	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taos
Donald Martinez	St John the Baptist, Santa Fe
Patrick Martinez	San Antonio, Penasco
Clarence Montoya	St. Gertrude, Mora
Dennis Montoya	Sacred Heart, Espanola
Eric Nelson	Sacred Heart, Clovis
Gabriel Pacheco	St. Anthony, Pecos
Gabriel Romero	Holy Cross, Santa Cruz
Ricardo Romero	Sacred Heart, Espanola
Donald Serrano	St John the Baptist, Santa Fe
Joey Silva	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taos
Donald Yardman	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pojoague



Father's Day



A Message For My Father

How can I find the words
To let you know how much I care?
To thank-you, Dad for all you've done,
For always being there.

You've been "friend" as well as "father,"
Walking with me all through life,
Through the joy and through the laughter,
Through the heartache and the strife.

You're the best I could have hoped for,
And with gratitude I see..
The sweet lifetime of devotion,
You invested here in me.

I am proud that you're my father,
Thankful for the times we've had,
And with all that is within me,
I feel blessed that you're my Dad.



CLASS OF 2003

Save the Date:
Celebrating our 20th
Anniversary of Ordination

We are planning a dinner party
from 5pm to 8pm
on July 12th, 2023 at
The Shrine of St. Bernadette
Parish Hall in
Albuquerque, New Mexico!

More details to follow...



Diaconate Information

Director of Deacon Formation: Deacon Keith Davis

Class of 2023

Current Class size: 36

To be Ordained June 3/10, 2023



Class of 2025

Current Class size: 15

Ordination in 2025

Deacon Inservice & Retreat

In-Service:

TBD:



Retreat:

TBD:

Deacon Council Members and Reps

Position:	Primary Member:	Wife:	Alternate :
Santa Fe Deanery:	Deacon Michael Salazar	Vacant	Vacant
Deanery A:	Deacon Dave Little	Vacant	Deacon Albert Dohle
Deanery B:	Deacon Pat Sena	Vacant	Deacon Lou Hernandez
Deanery C:	Deacon Leon Jones	Vacant	Vacant
NE Deanery:	Deacon Reyes Sanchez	Vacant	Deacon Eloy Roybal
NW Deanery:	Deacon Alex Valdez	Vacant	Deacon Chris Gilbert
SE Deanery:	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
SW Deanery:	Deacon Nicolas Keller	Vacant	Vacant
Other Members:			
Council Chair:	Deacon Mark Marquez		
Council Vice-Chair:	Deacon Ernest Chavez		
Council Secretary:	Darlene Chavez		
Widow Rep	Claudette Montoya		
Ex-Officio Members	Archbishop John C. Wester		
	Deacon Keith Davis		



Pray in Peace

Lord make me an
instrument of
your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow

Where there is injury

Where there is discord

Where there is doubt

Where there is error

Where there is despair

Where there is sadness

Where there is darkness

O Divine Master

grant that I may not seek to be
consoled, as to console.

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, it is in dying that we
are born to **Eternal Life.**

Love

Pardon

Unity

Faith

Truth

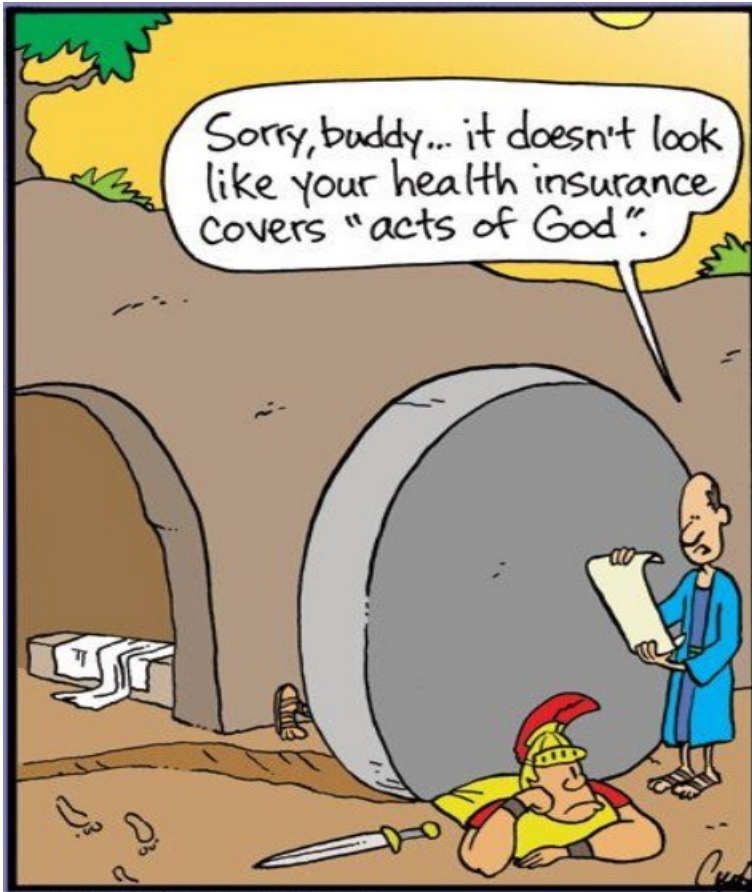
Hope

Joy

Light



The Deacon's Corner



Confidence is the feeling you sometimes have before you fully understand the situation.

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.

What do you call a sleepwalking deacon?

A "roamin'" Catholic.



Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Diaconate Office. This helps facilitate communication between you and the Diaconate Community and the Archdiocese. Phone 505-831-8246 or email the Diaconate Secretary at ylovato@archdiosf.org

NOTE

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 Diaconate Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the July through September 2023 time frame with a submission deadline of June 10th, 2023 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.

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Have a warm and Blessed Spring/Summer — and know that God is always with you!

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