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Lent

Fast Pray Give

March 8, 2026

1240 S. Espina, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
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CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.
Rector: Very Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas
Deacons: Deacon Ed Fierro
Deacon Ruben Gutierrez

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
John 4:5-42

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

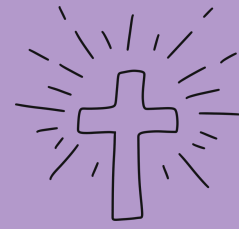
WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA
Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)
Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (Español)

WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA
Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)
Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)
Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptism / Bautizos: Classes offered every third Saturday of the month. Call the Office to Register for Classes
Spanish: 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
English: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.
Marriage: Call the office for more info. Six months for prep.
Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request
Reconciliation:
Monday - Friday 7:30-8:00a.m.
Saturday: 4:00p.m.

2026
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Youth Group February 27, 2026



40 days for Life February 18, 2026



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

7-8:30PM

LOCATION: GUADALUPE ROOM IN FINLEY HALL

- ADORATION
- BIBLE STUDIES
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- COMMUNITY

MEETING DATES

MAR 5 TH	JUNE 25 TH
APR 2 ND	JULY 9 TH
APR 16 TH	JULY 23 RD
APR 30 TH	AUG 6 TH
MAY 14 TH	AUG 20 TH
MAY 28 TH	SEP 3 RD
JUNE 11 TH	SEP 17 TH

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FRIED FISH & TACOS

Every Friday during Lent

Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral

at Finley Hall
9:00A.M. to 6:00P.M.

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1240 S. Espina Las Cruces, NM

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INTRO TO WOMANHOOD

An educational workshop for girls aged 9-13 and their mothers or trusted adults to help them understand and embrace their natural bodies. Seating is Limited!

Sunday, March 22ND 1:30pm-4pm

St. Genevieve Catholic Parish Conference Room
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SOUTHWEST MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

JOIN US AS WE STAND TOGETHER FOR LIFE IN LAS CRUCES.

10:00 AM
Mass with Bishop Baldacchino at Immaculate Heart of Mary
1240 S Espina St, Las Cruces, NM 88001

11:30 AM
Rally Begins
Building Site: 4591 E. Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011

12:30 PM
March Begins
We will march along Loman Avenue. The event will conclude around 1:30 PM.

Scholarship

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- APPLICANT MUST HAVE THE HOLY SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION
- APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 750 WORD ESSAY
Answer the question: *How can you use your Catholic faith to make a positive difference in today's world and the future?*
- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS
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- 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
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STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
English-5:30P.M.
Spanish-6:30P.M.
At the Church

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for July 2025

For Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

El Papa: En Cuaresma desarmemos el lenguaje, renunciando a las palabras hirientes

En su mensaje para la Cuaresma 2026, el Papa León XIV invita a pedir “la gracia de vivir una Cuaresma que haga más atento nuestro oído a Dios y a los más necesitados. Pidamos la fuerza de un ayuno que alcance también a la lengua, para que disminuyan las palabras que hieren y crezca el espacio para la voz de los demás”. El Pontífice insta además a comprometerse “para que nuestras comunidades se conviertan en lugares donde el grito de los que sufren encuentre acogida y la escucha genere caminos de liberación, haciéndonos más dispuestos y diligentes para contribuir a edificar la civilización del amor”. **Ver artículo completo:** <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/papa/news/2026-02/papa-dialogo-clero-de-roma-19-feb-26.html>



León XIV: La Iglesia es humana y divina, unida en el amor de Cristo

En la Audiencia General, el Papa explica que la “complejidad” de la Iglesia no es confusión, sino la unión armoniosa de su dimensión humana y divina. Solo la caridad -afirma- hace visible hoy la presencia de Cristo en medio de las fragilidades humanas. Sebastián Sansón Ferrari – Ciudad del Vaticano ¿Qué significa que la Iglesia sea “una realidad compleja”? A partir de esta pregunta, el Papa León XIV centró su catequesis de este miércoles 4 de marzo durante la Audiencia General en la



plaza de San Pedro, retomando el primer capítulo de la Constitución dogmática Lumen gentium, donde se aborda la naturaleza profunda de la Iglesia. De este modo, el Santo Padre prosigue sus meditaciones sobre los documentos conciliares en el marco de un ciclo que comenzó el 7 de enero pasado.

"Alguien podría responder, explicó el Pontífice, que la Iglesia es compleja en cuanto que es “complicada” y, por tanto, difícil de explicar; algún otro podría pensar que su complejidad deriva del hecho de que es una institución que cuenta con dos mil años de historia, y con características diversas respecto a cualquier otra agrupación social o religiosa”.

Una unidad de dimensiones diversas

El Santo Padre comentó que el término latino utilizado por el Concilio no alude a confusión, sino a una unión ordenada de dimensiones diversas de una misma realidad. Por eso, Lumen gentium puede afirmar que la Iglesia es un organismo bien compaginado, en el que conviven la dimensión humana y la divina “sin separación y sin confusión”.

Pero este aspecto, aclaró el Obispo de Roma, “no basta para describir la verdadera naturaleza de la Iglesia” pues ella posee una dimensión divina, y esta no consiste en “una perfección ideal” o en una “superioridad espiritual de sus miembros”.

Más bien, en el hecho de que “la Iglesia es fruto del plan de amor de Dios por la humanidad, realizado en Cristo. Por esto, la Iglesia es al mismo tiempo comunidad terrena y cuerpo místico de Cristo, asamblea visible y misterio espiritual, realidad presente en la historia y pueblo que peregrina hacia el cielo”.

Ver artículo completo en: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/papa/news/2026-03/leon-xiv-catequesis-lumen-gentium-realidad-visible-espiritual.html>

Holy See: Christians are most persecuted religious community in world

Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, the Holy See's Permanent Observer to the UN in Geneva, highlights the persecution that Christians face across the world and emphasizes that nations must ensure religious freedom. By Isabella H. de Carvalho

Nations bear the responsibility to protect, respect, and guarantee freedom of religion, said Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, the Holy See's Permanent Observer to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva, at the event “Standing with Persecuted Christians: Defending the Faith and Christian Values” on March 3.

“Almost 400 million Christians worldwide face persecution or violence, making them the most persecuted religious community in the world. This means that one in seven Christians is affected,” Archbishop Balestrero said.

“Even worse, almost 5,000 Christians were killed for their faith in 2025, which equates to an average of 13 per day,” he said.

The Archbishop explained that for Christians, those who are killed for their faith are “martyrs,” so “‘witnesses’ to their creed who embody values that challenge the logic of power,” while from the perspective of international law, “they are victims of outrageous human rights violations.” “Their testimony must not distract from the fundamental responsibility of States which should have protected them,” the Permanent Observer highlighted.

Freedom of religion is fundamental human right

“It is the State's duty to protect freedom of religion or belief, which includes preventing third parties from violating this right,” he insisted. “This protection has to safeguard believers who are targeted, before, during, and after an attack. However, impunity remains one of the most serious issues in the global landscape of religious persecution.”

“A State should promote freedom of religion or belief, first and above all because it is a fundamental human right,” he underlined. Archbishop Balestrero also noted that nations themselves must “respect freedom of religion or belief and refrain from interfering with an individual's or group's ability to profess their faith privately or publicly through worship, practice, and teaching.”

See full article at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-03/holy-see-christian-persecution-religious-freedom-human-rights.html>



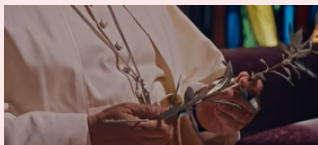
Pope's March prayer intention: 'for disarmament and peace'

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of March, inviting Catholics to pray with him for disarmament and peace, 'and praying that 'the nuclear threat may never again dictate the future of humanity.' By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention for March is "for disarmament and peace."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

Pope Leo begins his prayer by recalling that the Lord has shaped every human being in His image and likeness and that He created us “for communion, not for war,” “for fraternity, not for destruction.” **See full article at:** <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-s-march-prayer-intention-for-disarmament-and-peace.html>



From The *Pastor*

“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” John 4:5-42

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our quest for the meaning of life, suffering in our thirst for truth, justice, peace, compassion and mercy, there is someone to whom we should constantly go to be satisfied with what neither the world nor anyone can offer us: truth, life and happiness. Today we pray in a special way for the OCIA Catechetical Program and for our brothers and sisters—the catechumens—who in the last two years have been preparing for the reception of their sacraments and who are being welcomed into the Catholic church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, I write to you with a heart filled with gratitude for everything you are doing for our parish and for your support of United in Ministry. This year has been a blessing, and I see that more people are supporting this important mission that will benefit our retired priests, catholic schools, formation of the future priests for our diocese, and other programs in our parish. Through your prayers, stewardship and sacrificial giving, our parishes, ministries, and outreach programs have continued to provide the essential services of hope. And a special thanks for your support of our Mother Teresa of Calcutta ministry directed towards families in need and those who thirst not just for food but also for love and compassion. Truly, you have been a tremendous blessing for all of them. I invite you to recognize Mrs. Minnette Connelly, the main coordinator of this beautiful ministry, and Dr. Debra Cole, who is helping with the food pantry and the important United in Ministry campaign. Also, this year we have a new Member of UIM, Hernan Mauro, who along with Dr. Debra Cole has become a sign of service and generosity for our family of faith. This year our United in Ministry rebate was \$32,912.51. If you haven't done so yet, please consider supporting this Diocesan appeal.

This weekend I also invite you to pray for Omar Chaires and his team who are giving a retreat for our confirmandi here at the parish. Let us pray that those receiving their sacraments may understand that it is only the Lord who can satisfy their hungry hearts and thirst for a true life in Christ. Also, this weekend we had eleven young adults who have become part of the revolution of love. They meet every two weeks in the Guadalupe room. If you want to be a part of this ministry, please do not hesitate to contact our youth director or Sofi Rodriguez; they will be more than happy to guide you.

This Thursday at 7:00 PM, I will be meeting with a new building committee to start with the parish projects, especially the new basketball court and the restoration of the front area of the school.

Very soon, we will be starting with a new round of formation for ministers of Communion, lectors, home bound ministries and sacristans. As always, faith formation and evangelization should be one of our priorities. All ministries in the parish must follow diocesan guidelines. It is necessary for us to understand that being a servant of the Lord requires us to be good moral and spiritual examples for those we serve, and that our service is in collaboration and communion with our pastor.

The good Lord knows us intimately as he knew the life and personal story of the Samaritan woman. He asks for a drink, but he also wants us to go to him to be healed and restored. If you and I are in need of a Messiah, he is here ready to save us! We just need to humble ourselves and tell him the truth. He has come to do the will of the Father, to save us from what is leading us to death.

Are you ready to accept him, to accept this living water, this new life? As the Samaritans did, let us invite him to stay with us forever, that our ministries and everything we do in our lives will have meaning and become more pleasing to God our Father. Have a blessed Sunday!

Sincerely,
Father Alejandro Reyes, Rector

Del

Pastor

“Señor, dame de esa agua, para que no tenga más sed ni tenga que venir aquí a sacarla”. Juan 4, 5-42

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En nuestra búsqueda del sentido de la vida, sufriendo en nuestra sed de verdad, justicia, paz, compasión y misericordia, hay alguien a quien debemos acudir constantemente para ser saciados con aquello que ni el mundo ni nadie nos puede ofrecer: la verdad, la vida y la felicidad.

Hoy oramos de manera especial por el Programa Catequético de OCIA y por nuestros hermanos y hermanas —los catecúmenos— que durante los últimos dos años se han estado preparando para recibir sus sacramentos y que están siendo acogidos en la Iglesia Católica. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones. También les escribo con un corazón lleno de gratitud por todo lo que están haciendo por nuestra parroquia y por su apoyo a Unidos en Ministerio. Este año ha sido una bendición, y veo que más personas están apoyando esta importante misión que beneficiará a nuestros sacerdotes jubilados, a las escuelas católicas, a la formación de los futuros sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis y a otros programas de nuestra parroquia. Gracias a sus oraciones, su corresponsabilidad y su entrega sacrificial, nuestras parroquias, ministerios y programas de alcance han podido continuar ofreciendo los servicios esenciales de esperanza. Y un agradecimiento especial por su apoyo al ministerio de Madre Teresa de Calcuta, dirigido a las familias necesitadas y a aquellos que tienen sed no solo de alimento, sino también de amor y compasión. Verdaderamente, ustedes han sido una inmensa bendición para todos ellos. Los invito a reconocer a la Sra. Minnette Connelly, la coordinadora principal de este hermoso ministerio, y a la Dra. Debra Cole, quien está ayudando con la despensa de alimentos y con la importante campaña de Unidos en Ministerio. Además, este año tenemos un nuevo miembro de UIM, Hernan Mauro, quien junto con la Dra. Debra Cole se ha convertido en un signo de servicio y generosidad para nuestra familia de fe. Este año nuestro reembolso de Unidos en Ministerio fue de \$32,912.51. Si aún no lo han hecho, por favor consideren apoyar esta colecta diocesana.

Este fin de semana también los invito a orar por Omar Chaires y su equipo, quienes están dando un retiro para nuestros confirmandos aquí en la parroquia. Oremos para que quienes reciben sus sacramentos comprendan que solo el Señor puede saciar sus corazones hambrientos y su sed de una verdadera vida en Cristo. Asimismo, este fin de semana once jóvenes adultos se han unido a la revolución del amor. Se reúnen cada dos semanas en el salón Guadalupe. Si desean ser parte de este ministerio, no duden en comunicarse con nuestro director de jóvenes o con Sofi Rodriguez; ellos estarán más que felices de guiarlos.

Este jueves a las 7:00 p.m. me reuniré con un nuevo comité de construcción para comenzar con los proyectos parroquiales, especialmente la nueva cancha de baloncesto y la restauración del área frontal de la escuela.

Muy pronto comenzaremos una nueva ronda de formación para ministros de Comunión, lectores, ministros para los enfermos y sacristanes. Como siempre, la formación en la fe y la evangelización deben ser una de nuestras prioridades. Todos los ministerios de la parroquia deben seguir las normas diocesanas. Es necesario que entendamos que ser un servidor del Señor requiere que seamos buenos ejemplos morales y espirituales para aquellos a quienes servimos, y que nuestro servicio se realiza en colaboración y comunión con nuestro párroco.

El buen Señor nos conoce íntimamente, así como conocía la vida y la historia personal de la mujer samaritana. Él pide de beber, pero también quiere que vayamos a Él para ser sanados y restaurados. Si tú y yo necesitamos un Mesías, ¡Él está aquí listo para salvarnos! Solo necesitamos humillarnos y decirle la verdad. Él ha venido a hacer la voluntad del Padre, a salvarnos de aquello que nos conduce a la muerte.

¿Estás listo para aceptarlo, para aceptar esta agua viva, esta vida nueva? Como hicieron los samaritanos, invitemos al Señor a quedarse con nosotros para siempre, para que nuestros ministerios y todo lo que hacemos en nuestra vida tenga sentido y sea más agradable a Dios nuestro Padre.

¡Que tengan un domingo bendecido!
Sinceramente,
Padre Alejandro Reyes, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado March 7th

5:30p.m. †Lorenzo & Lily Marin (by Their Children)
 † Caroline Ondelacy (by Ondelacy Family)
 † Gary Tuten (by Martha & Jimmy)

Sunday / domingo March 8th

7: 30a.m. † Lillie & Lorenzo Marin (by Family)
 † Salvador G. Martinez (by Diana Gardea & Family)

9:00a.m. † Jennifer Morales (por Mannie Morales)
 (sp) † Manuela Marquez Vargas (por familia Vargas)
 † Donald & Berbie Morales (por Mannie Morales)
 Por las almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. † Antonio & Helen Martinez (by Alice Lujan)
 † Arturo F. Morones (by Morones family)

Monday / lunes March 9th

8: 15a.m. † Mike Padilla (by Padilla Family)
 † Juana C. Aragon (by Gutierrez & Chavez family)
 † Frankie (Ernest Acevez)

Tuesday / martes March 10th

8:15a.m. † Frankie (by Ernest Acevez)
 † Lorenzo Marin (by Family)

6:00p.m. † Jose Eduardo Hernandez 3 year decd.(by Family)
 (sp). † Maria de Jesus Galindo B- day
 (by Son Javier Gutierrez)

Wednesday / miércoles March 11th

8:15a.m. † Juana C. Aragon
 (by Gutierrez & Chavez Family)

Thursday / jueves March 12th

8:15a.m. † Joshua Gonzalez (by Sandra Guerrero)

Friday / viernes March 13th

8:15a.m. Divine Mercy (by Denise Ingram & Family)

Saturday / sábado March 14th

8:15a.m. † Juana Chavez Aragon (by Gutierrez & Chavez Family)

What is happening

- Oración durante los 40 Días por la Vida, **28 de Marzo a las 4:00 p. m.**
 Gran Rally de Clausura the Lords Ranch- Vado NM.
- 40 Days of prayer for Life as we stand together in faith and hope for the protection of all life.
March 28, 2026, at 4:00 PM
 Closing Rally at the Lords Ranch- Vado NM.
- Station of the Cross Every **Friday during the Lent 5:30p.m. in English and 6:30p.m. in spanish**
- Practice for lectors for Palm Sunday & Holy week on **March 19, 2026 at 6:00pm**
- Se invita a todos los lectores a asistir a la práctica para Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa.
19 de marzo de 2026 a las 6:00p.m.

Pray for the members of our parish who are ill.

Mary & Tony Gallegos	Margie y Carlos Armendariz
Raymond Matlak	Stella Armenta
Mr. & Mrs. Montoya	Christina Arrieta
Mike Ortega	Mrs. Arvizu
Julieta Rojas	Daniel J. Castillo
Rose Sedillo	Alice & Carlos Castro
Daniel Telles	Alice Romero
Sally Torres	Bill & Raquel Chubb
Ceylon Mendenall	Joe Contreras
Jaime Adaime	Narciso Dominguez
Jose Luis Moncada	Rick & Gerry Duran
Ignacio Romero	Elizah & Zurayah
Luke Simmons	Benavidez family
Beverly Zubia	Olivia Marshall
Caesar Lopez	Valito Sanchez
Lidia Arredondo	Pearl L. Whitcomb
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Alfonso Santa Maria Jr.	Linda Monroe
Miguel Sanchez	Lupe Saiz
Sam Trujillo	Ernie Garcia
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Mary Horton	Rudy Franco
Ken Singh	Joseph Lopez
Bu Rudy Franco	Patrick Flores
Irene Pando	Joseph Moncada
Mike Walker	

2025 UIM Report

Total Raised	\$103,830.47
Rebate Paid.....	\$36,299.16
New 2026 Goal	\$67,500.00

Money Collection

1 st Collection	\$6,322.00
2 nd Collection	\$2,567.00
Office.....	\$3,380.50
Gift Shop.....	\$202.00
Mailings.....	\$1,577.00
Rice Bowl	\$75.61



Parish Ministries

- Adults Confirmation
- Altar servers
- Alter Society
- Baptism Catechists
- Bereavement
- Choir Group
- Eucharistic Adoration Holy hour
- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour
- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour to homebound
- Fisher of men - Vocational formation
- Financial committee
- Flor del Carmelo
- Knight of Columbus
- Lectors
- Los Hombres de Valor
- MDS Marriages Group
- MFCC
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- Mujeres a los pies de Jesus-Fe, Servicio y formación
- Neocatechumenal Way
- OCIA Core Team (catechists)
- Pastoral council
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St. Matilda



St. Matilda, Queen of Germany, was a woman whose faith and charity left an enduring mark on both the Church and her kingdom. Born around 892 into a prominent noble family, she was raised in an abbey where her grandmother was the abbess. Her family arranged a marriage with King Henry I, later called Henry the Fowler, and their union brought peace and prosperity to the kingdom. As queen, St. Matilda combined political influence with spiritual concern. She was known for her generosity, establishing and supporting monasteries and providing charitable works for those in need.

After the death of her husband, St. Matilda devoted herself entirely to serving God and caring for the poor. She founded monasteries and churches and was known as a unifier and a peacemaker. Her guidance helped shape both the political and spiritual life of her kingdom.

St. Matilda remained active in political matters, supporting her son, Otto I, who would become the first Holy Roman Emperor. She founded several monasteries, using the inheritance she received after the king's death.

St. Matilda's sons, Otto and Henry, accused her of squandering the family inheritance on "strangers" and claimed ownership of her inheritance. Wishing to avoid conflict, St. Matilda relinquished her wealth to her sons and stepped down from public life. She was later reconciled with Otto and Henry and regained some influence before her death, dedicating her later years to religious foundations. St. Matilda died peacefully on March 14, 968. She was buried at the Quedlinburg Monastery alongside her husband. full story in:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/02/17/sts--seven-founders-of-the-order-of-the-servants-of-mary-among-wh.html>

s. Matilde, reina

Matilde nació en Sajonia en una familia profundamente religiosa que la envió a estudiar al monasterio de Herford, Westfalia, donde su abuela era abadesa. Regresó muy bien educada y llena de devoción para poner en práctica las verdades de la fe: además de cultivar las virtudes cristianas, había aprendido a leer y a escribir e incluso se interesó por la política, algo inusitado para las mujeres, aunque nobles, en aquellos tiempos. Se casó con Enrique, Duque de Sajonia que unos años después se convertiría en el Rey de Alemania. *ver articulo*

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