

**Memorial Mass  
In Loving Memory  
of**

*Sr. Fabian Uriat, S. A.*



*May 29, 1925 - April 21, 2011*

**Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church  
West Jordan, Utah**

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ister Fabian and St. Joseph the Worker are synonymous for many of us. She has served here longer than any other sister or priest. Many current parishioners have known her since they were children. She has seen many of our children from infancy to adulthood. And, amazingly, she could remember everyone's name!

It may be hard to believe that she had a life before St. Joseph the Worker, but indeed she did. She was born on May 29, 1925 as Glenda Uriot. She was raised in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. She was one of 5 children. Her father died when she was only 3. She never attended Catholic school but she was always Catholic and was always active in such groups as the Catholic Youth Organization. In high school she loved basketball, both as a player and as a spectator. Her favorite subjects were English, Business Math and Algebra.

From time to time Sister had considered a religious life, but she didn't go into this immediately. After high school she worked for several years for the phone company in the treasury department. She discovered that she loved to travel when she and nine friends took a cross country trip.

As a young woman Sister did volunteer work helping raise money for a summer camp run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. She enjoyed working with these women and was so impressed by their work that she decided to learn more about them. She realized that the lives lived by this dedicated group of sisters provided something that seemed to be missing from her life.

To become a sister she needed to obtain sponsorship by a priest, be interviewed and pass a physical examination. She did these things and was accepted. On September 8, 1953, she moved to the Mother House at Graymoor, in Garrison, NY. She served first as a Postulant, a time in which she learned about the Franciscan community. April 30, 1956 was her "Clothing Day". This was a special day when she received her sister's clothing, including a white veil. She also received her name of Sister Fabian, which incidentally was not her choice. On May 1, 1956 she made her first of five professions; after the 5th one, the vows are permanent.

Her first assignment was to Cobleskill NY where she worked teaching religious classes and taking a parish census. Next, she was assigned to Alamosa CO where she stayed for 4 years. She then went back to the Mother House in Graymoor and made her fifth and final profession.

In 1962, she was assigned to Mechanicsville NY. Children there had release time from school much like the LDS children here. Sister taught religious education. She also started taking classes, herself, at Sienna College. Her primary criteria for deciding where to go to college was whether or not they had a swimming pool, which she claims helped her to study.

Next for Sister was the "Olive Capital" of Lindsey CA. She served there for 5 years and also went to college in Corvallis OR. She was then sent back to NY for 1 year, then to North Conway, NH, a resort town. Sister often went skiing while she lived there. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Education and Psychology at Notre Dame College in Manchester NH.

In September, 1982, she came to work at St. Joseph the Worker parish in West Jordan, UT. She moved in the very first year the new convent building was opened. She has always felt very welcome here. She worked first doing a parish census. She then got involved with the religious education program and continued this for several generations of children. She has made an indelible mark on our community. The parish Social Hall was officially named Sister Fabian Hall in her honor.

Sister left the parish due to health reasons, in November, 2009 and returned to her Mother House in Garrison NY. It was our great hope that she would join us for our Dedication Day on May 1, 2011, but sadly she died just a week and a half before that great day. Sister was a great supporter of the new church and looked forward to seeing the photos that we sent to her of the church at various stages of construction. She was able to see photos of the finished church and found it beautiful.

Once more, it is time for us to show our appreciation for her 30 years of dedicated service. We now must say our very last "good bye" to this wonderful woman we call our sister and friend. She will be deeply missed. Sister Fabian has shown us by her example how to live the values of our patron Saint Joseph the Worker. She has been hard working, faithful, dedicated and kind— not for personal glory or gain but to serve others. St. Joseph the Worker parish is forever in her debt. ***God bless you, Sister Fabian!***



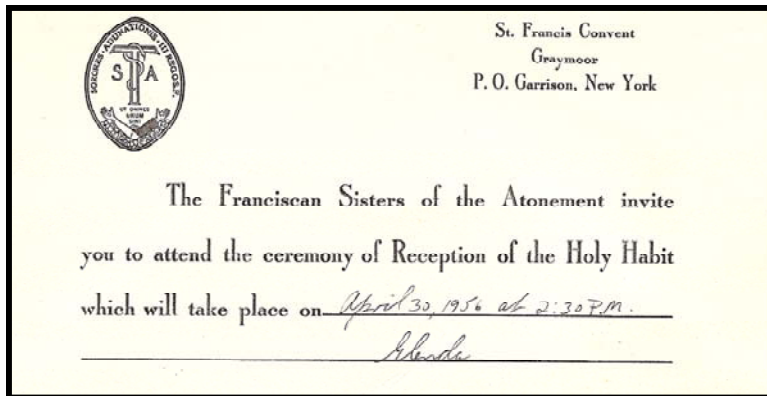
**Above: Her mother, Mary Fennelly, & her father, Fredrick Uriot**

**TO ENTER CONVENT**

Best wishes were extended to Glenda I. Uriot,

Treasury Department, on her resignation to enter the Order of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Greymoor, Garrison, New York.

**Left: On her "Clothing Day"– April 30, 1956**



**Right: First Profession, May 1, 1957**



**Left: College Graduation**



Shopping at JCPenney is Sister Fabian, S.A.

**Our Lady of the Atonement**

Our Lady of the Atonement  
O show thyself to be  
A mother to thy children  
Who have recourse to thee.  
Obtain for us, dear Mother  
A faith and love sincere;  
Midst trials and temptations  
The grace to persevere.

Remind us by thy mantle,  
All steeped in crimson red,  
The precious blood of Jesus  
To save our souls was shed;  
Remind us of thy sorrow,  
Thy sense of bitter loss,  
When thou, Atonement Mother  
Didst stand beneath the cross

O! When this life is ending  
And its last feeble ray  
Is fading in the twilight  
That comes at close of day  
Then hasten O, dear mother  
And close our weary eyes  
And bear us up rejoicing  
With thee to paradise.

**A Nun Takes the Veil**

By Manley Hopkins

I have desired to go  
Where springs not fail,  
To fields where flies no sharp  
and sided hail  
And a few lilies blow.

And I have asked to be  
Where no storms come,  
Where the green swell is  
in the havens dumb,  
And out of the swing  
of the sea

**Above: One of her favorite activities— shopping!**



**Above: 50th Year Celebration, 2005 Shown with Monsignor Daz**

**Left: 25th Anniversary, 1980**

**Below: At farewell Mass and Reception on October 25, 2009 at St. Joseph the Worker. Shown below with Fr. Patrick Carley, Sr. Leila Spauling, S.A. and Bishop John Wester**

