

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
~ Immaculate Conception Parish ~ JANUARY 1, 2023 ~ Pg 1



OUR PASTORAL TEAM

- ✧ Fr. Steve Rosera, Parish Administrator;
- ✧ Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Deacon Don Roseborough, Baptisms, Bereavement, Funerals, and Homebound Ministry;
- ✧ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Retired;
- ✧ Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal of St. Mary's School;
- ✧ Sr. Teresa Aparicio, OLVN, and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordinator of Faith Formation;
- ✧ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director; and
- ✧ Ms. Dianne Dragoo, Jesuit Volunteers Liaison.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 9am to 4pm.

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: iccabq.org



The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, January 2.

MASS SCHEDULE:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, & Friday—12:10pm
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday —7am
- ✧ First Friday of each month—7am and 12:10pm
- ✧ SUNDAY LITURGIES:
 - ❖ Saturday—4pm;
 - ❖ Sunday—8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (SPANISH).

CONFESSIONS:

- ❖ Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon; and
- ❖ By appointment. Call (505) 247-4271 to make an appointment.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

- ✧ December 31 & January 1, Retired Religious & Priests.
- ✧ January 7 & 8, St. Mary's School

Online Giving
is available at
ICCABQ.org

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



On January 6, the 1st Friday of January, we will celebrate the 7am Mass, followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration* from 7:30 until 11:45am Benediction. The regularly scheduled 12:10pm Mass will follow.

Confessions will be heard as usual from 11am to 12noon.

Knights of Columbus ICC Council will be hosting the Five First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pamphlets will be available to learn of the promises and graces of this devotion. Knights will lead the prayer before the 7am Mass on the first Saturday of the month. The first devotional prayer will be at 6:55am at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, January 7th, 2023. God bless us and Mary keep us. Any questions call Abraham at 505-730-1838.



May They Rest in Peace ~ Let us keep our recently deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers.

✠Roberta Yvonne Montoya (54). Thursday, January 5, Visitation: 5pm, Rosary/Vigil: 6pm; Funeral: Friday, January 6, 9:30am. All services are at Immaculate Conception.

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Next Sunday's Readings



The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 18, 2023

This Sunday's Readings

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, Dec. 31, Vigil of The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God	
4pm	+ John Gallegos + Manuel Crespín + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, January 1, The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God	
8am	+ Marie S. and Louis G. Romero
10am	Rita Sanchez ~ Health + Michael Salata + Reina Kasaus
12:30pm Spanish	For the People of Our Parish
Monday, January 2, Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church	
12:10pm	All ICC Religious Ed. Teachers & Assistants + Gloria & Jose Salazar + Jose Anaya
Tues., Jan. 3, Christmas Weekday , Most Holy Name of Jesus	
7am	Gauvin & Sullivan Family Mary Coon ~ Birthday + Rafaelita Helen Carriaga
Wed., Jan. 4, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
12:10pm	ICC Priests & Deacons Abraham Placencio ~ Health All ICC Religious Ed. Families
Thursday, Jan. 5, Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop	
7am	Living & Deceased Family of: ✦ Michael & Pauline Salata; and ✦ Victor and Jennie Garcia Living & Deceased Friends of Michael & Pauline Salata
Fri., Jan. 6, Christmas Weekday , St. André Bessette, Religious	
12:10pm	+ Armando and Lois Giannini + Naomi and Robert Santiago + Michael Salata ~ Repose of his soul
Sat., Jan. 7, Christmas Weekday , St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	
7am	People of the Parish
Saturday, January 7, Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord	
4pm	+ John Gallegos
Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord	
8am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	+ Michael Salata
12:30pm Spanish	People of the Parish

Upcoming Events



There will be a Kickoff Meeting of the Parish's 2023 FIESTA COMMITTEE.

If you would like to be a part of this group please join us in the basement Parish Hall at 10am on Saturday, January 7.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

There will be a meeting of All Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, January 7, at 11am in the Church, ending promptly at Noon.

Please email Fr. Steve at srosera@iccabq.org if you **cannot** be at this meeting.

This will be a recurring bi-monthly meeting. Please mark your calendars.



LECTORS: There will be a meeting of All Lectors on Saturday, February 4, at 11am in the Church, ending promptly at Noon.

Please email Fr. Steve at srosera@iccabq.org if you cannot be at this meeting. Mark your calendars.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are interested in being married at Immaculate Conception Church, contact Fr. Steve Rosera through the Parish Office or via his email: srosera@iccabq.org.

We have experienced married couples who will help engaged couples prepare for their wedding and marriage.



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCH Thursday, January 19

Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month ~ that's Thursday, January 19, this month. We meet at the Sawmill Market (1909 Bellamah Ave NW). We try to meet in the center of the building around 11:30am. Come join us. All are welcome. It's fun and the food is good -- you can choose from many restaurants.

BAPTISMS are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month.

Please call the Parish Office, 505-247-4271 and ask for Deacon Don for more information.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd
2:30 TO 4:00 pm
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
619 COPPER AVE. NW



ARCHBISHOP
JOHN C WESTER



Nuclear disarmament is an especially urgent issue these days with the war in Ukraine & other nations, such as China, North Korea & Iran, developing further nuclear capabilities. It is important for us to reinvigorate a conversation toward nuclear disarmament. We can ill afford to hide from this urgent, pro-life issue.

***Living in The Light of Christ's Peace:
A Conversation Toward
Nuclear Disarmament.***

This event is presented by the Dominican Ecclesial Institute (D+E+I).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Classes run from 11:15am to 12:15pm each Sunday following the 10am Mass. Remember that attendance at Mass is an important part of the catechism.

Weekend conversation starter --

NAMETAGS. Look for the nametag tables as you enter the church for your weekend Mass. As a way of inviting a conversation with a stranger, put your first name on a nametag.



After the 10am mass, we will use a TED talk to help start conversations once you've grabbed your coffee or tea. Each week a TED talk will be chosen by parishioners for the following Sunday. You will receive an email about the selection if you currently are receiving the parish bulletin by email. Watch the TED talk ahead of time, or watch it with your coffee after Mass. Then join in the conversation.



The class meets each Monday from 6pm to 7:30pm in the basement Parish Hall. (Use the Parish Office door on Copper Avenue)

For more information contact Sr. Teresa through the Parish Office.

GET HELP IN VIOLENT SITUATIONS

The ALBUQUERQUE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER provides victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence that destroys families.

The Center is open 8am to 5pm weekdays.

Staff can be reached 24 hours a day at 505-243-3333.

The website is www.cabq.gov/albuquerque-family-advocacy-center and it lists many more resources.



Dial 988: Help & Hope in New Mexico
The 24/7 Lifeline for Emotional, Mental, or Substance Misuse Support

Ongoing Activities

AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, meets every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the Rectory.

You are welcome to join us at any time.

We are using LTP's At Home with the Word, 2023.

Copies of the book are available in the Parish Office for \$15 each. All are welcome.

BOOK READING GROUP

The Book Reading Group meets Wednesdays, 6pm to 7pm. On January 4, we will begin to read **Thomas Merton's *The Seven Storey Mountain***.

The Seven Storey Mountain tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man, who at the age of twenty-six, takes vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks.

At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it.

At the abbey, he wrote this extraordinary testament, a unique spiritual autobiography that has been recognized as one of the most influential religious works of our time. Translated into more than twenty languages, it has touched millions of lives." (Amazon.com).

The book can be purchased from booksellers or borrowed from your local library. It is available in hardcover, paper, and in electronic format (Kindle, Audible, etc.).

If you are or know of any person living within our parish boundaries who needs any rent or utility assistance, please have them contact our parish *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* through the Parish Office or email iccabqsvdp@gmail.com.

SSVDP assistance is available to everyone in need. They do not need to be registered parishioners or Catholic to qualify.



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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 — DECEMBER 25, 2022:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$ 9,297.00
St. Mary's School	58.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	356.50
Rejuvenation Fund	488.00
Bread & Blessings	110.00
Francis House and Trinity House	20.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day,	
Christmas, Religious Retirement	466.00
Office, Masses, Candles, Flowers,	
Religious Education, & ACA Rebate	4,220.04
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,175.54

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 487.32
Religious Education	324.88
School Support	00.00
Clergy Administration	00.00
Parish Administration	249.52
Building and Land Operations:	162.44
<u>Church Building</u>	00.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 1,224.16

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Attention all St. Mary's Alumni....Save the Date

We love to show off our school... especially to old friends like you!

All St. Mary's School alumni are invited to join us at our school mass on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 8:30am. We will have a reception following the Mass and a school tour. All alumni are welcome!

In this New Year, may we all create such a superb world that future generations look back and say "Wow...thank you for respecting God's creation."

~~ Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner



May your new year be filled with the joy and



Mission Statement: *Saint Mary's Catholic School, a dual language community, embraces the Gospel message by enriching the world through Catholic teachings, academic excellence, Christian leadership and service.*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed before each week-end mass to encourage those attending mass to make a nametag for themselves so we can get to know each other.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Patrick O'Meara, pomearanm@gmail.com



Inspired by the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 25 ("for I was hungry and you gave me food. . ."), **Francis House Catholic Worker** embraces a two-pronged mission to serve both the unhoused in some of Albuquerque's poorest neighborhoods, and refugees fleeing poverty and violence at our southern doorstep.

Francis House always needs regular volunteers and substitutes to prepare and deliver sandwiches and soups from home. On site, volunteers serve our guests, package bread, crackers, cookies and other tasks. We are open Fridays through Tuesdays.

Call Linda (505-515-6241) or Glenn (505-489-8100) if interested in joining this dynamic ministry. We are located at 8016-A Zuni SE. You can donate to us tax-free through the ICCABQ.org online giving bottom in the lower right hand corner.



St. Benedict Joseph Labre Ministry serves the homeless and others in need with care packages that you and other parishioners can hand out from your vehicle when you encounter a person asking for money. We ask your help to:

- ✧ Create or provide supplies for the care packages;
- ✧ Make the care packages;
- ✧ Take the care packages with you at the end of your Sunday mass so you may hand them out.



Commonly needed items are: Protein bars, Granola, breakfast bars, snack bags of nuts, water cartons, (for environmental purposes), toothpaste, toothbrushes, Personal Cleansing Cloths, Woman's personal hygiene products, Chap stick, Socks (for winter), Gloves (for winter), hand lotion, anything that can be placed in a 1-gallon zip lock bag, so long as it is not bulky; and 1-gallon zip lock bags.

For information, call Phyllis Ortiz at 505-231-5902.

After a long break, we are starting the Communion to the Homebound program again. Volunteers are needed to take communion to those who cannot join us at Mass.

We also need a list of those parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Call the Parish Office and leave a message for Maria Armijo to set up training or to assign you to an homebound communicant.



VOLUNTEER PARISH POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~~

Videographers Needed. If you are interested in helping to stream, the 10am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses, please let Fr. Steve know by calling the Parish Office at 505-247-4271 or by email at srosera@iccabq.org.

Streaming the Mass is fairly easy, and most of the setup is already in place. The work involves redirecting the camera during the Mass so that it focuses on the action taking place. This is a volunteer position.

Casa de las Comunidades needs volunteers:

- ❖ for basic ESL classes for 2 hours weekly; and
- ❖ to distribute food on Fridays from 10-12 or Saturdays from 8:30-11am once a month.



For more information, call Casa's Office at (505) 265-2371 or call Sr. Teresa at (505) 249-2781.



GIFT BEARERS are needed for weekend Masses. They carry the bread and wine to the Presider during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Gift Bearers can be couples, families, or individuals. If you would like to do this, talk to an usher before Mass to see if you are needed. If you have questions, contact Erne Woodley at 505-340-5292.

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Knights of Columbus, ICC 15788, would like to congratulate the winners of the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest:

- ❖ Helenah Romaine, ages 5-7;
- ❖ Ella Musick-Long, ages 8-10; and
- ❖ William Musick-Long, ages 11-14.



Winners received \$50 Catholic Company gift certificates and 2nd/3rd place winners received \$25 and \$15 gift certificates as well.

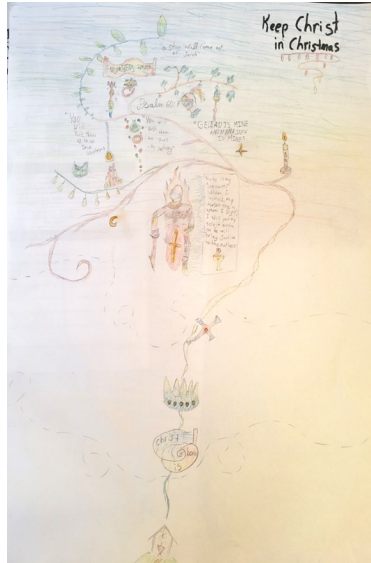
We thank all participants and parents for *Keeping Christ in Christmas* with their beautiful artwork!



Helenah Romaine



Ella Musick-Long



William Musick-Long

**WE STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK
AND YOUTUBE.**



To follow us on Facebook, find us at <https://www.facebook.com/iccabq/>



on YouTube, find us at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpsBXhOrta8CPn_hjtXEwcw



and on Instagram, find us at <https://www.instagram.com/immaculateconceptionabq/>

The Apostleship of Prayer

Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's Intentions.



Begin with A Daily Offering:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in unity with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sins, and the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and all the Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. ~ Amen

Then, pray with the Pope for his intention each month:

January: FOR EDUCATORS: "We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



About our blue recycling barrels.

- ❖ The two barrels, now, are for glass only.
- ❖ For mixed recycling, please use the recycling bin on the west (7th Street) side of St. Mary's School.
- ❖ Plastic bags can be recycled at some retailers, for example, Smiths.



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LA CATEQUESIS

Las clases religiosas se reanudarán el domingo 8 de enero de 2023, de las 11:15-12:15 antes de la misa. Recordatorio que la asistencia a la misa es importante y parte del catecismo



LADRILLOS CONMEMORATIVOS

Disponibles en nuestra página web ICCABQ.org. El costo de cada ladrillo es de \$125.00; mide 4+8", y permite grabar 3 líneas con 13

letras por línea incluyendo espacios

y se piden en lote de 10. Los ladrillos conmemoran a familias, miembros de la parroquia, y familiares fallecidos y se agregan al Jardín de Oración como recuerdo.

VOLUNTARIOS ~

Se necesitan voluntarios durante todas las Misas que lleven el pan y el vino al altar para la preparación de los sacramentos. Parejas, familias, individuos pueden participar en este acto y solo necesitan comunicar su intención a los ayudantes en la misa. Esta es una oportunidad para que todas las familias participen trayendo las ofrendas. Favor de comunicarse con Carlos Ramírez o con Erne Woodley (505) 340-5292.



Las Familias que necesitan informacion para recibir los Sacramentos de:

Baptismo, Confirmacion, Primera Comunión.

O, para otra informacion favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia de los mananas: O, llamar Sister Teresa Aparicio at 505-249-2781

AYUDA DISPONIBLE, hable con alguien hoy.
No está solo.

CADENA NACIONAL DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO
Abierta por 24 horas al día en español e inglés.

APRENDA MÁS ~ 988

A partir del 16 de julio, los estadounidenses podrán llamar o enviar mensajes de texto a un nuevo número de teléfono, 988, si sienten que están experimentando una crisis de salud mental y/o corren el riesgo de suicidarse.

Casa de las Comunidades necesita voluntarios para la clase de Inglés (clases básicas de ESL) cada semana por 2 horas. También para distribuir comida el viernes de 10-12 o los sábados de 8:30-11:00.

Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina de casa a (505) 265-2371 o con la Hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781



PREPARACION MATRIMONIAL

Para parejas interesadas en recibir el sacramento de matrimonio en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepcion, favor de comunicarse con el Padre Steve Rosera en la Oficina de la Parroquia o por correo electronico a

srosera@iccabg.org. La parroquia ofrece cursos de preparacion matrimonial con consejeros experimentados en esta area a todos aquellos que buscan preparacion matrimonial.



Acerca de los retiros

3 minutos de retiro te invita a tomar un descanso dedicado a la oración mientras estás enfrente de tu computadora. Toma una breve pausa para reflexionar en silencio sobre un pasaje bíblico.

Como cada uno de nosotros ora a su ritmo, 3 minutos de retiro te permite controlar el ritmo del retiro. Después de cada pantalla aparecerá un botón que dice "Siguiente". Presiónalo cuando quieras pasar a la siguiente imagen. Si este tipo de oración online es nuevo para ti, el ritmo preseleccionado para el retiro te guiará durante esta experiencia de oración. de

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3 minutos de
RETIRO

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