

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-Coordination 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

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:

- ✧ February 4 & 5: St. Mary's School
- ✧ February 18 & 19: Black and Indian Missions
- ✧ February 25 & 26: Renovation

Online Giving
is available at
ICCABQ.org

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



✠ Tanya Martinez (43) ~ her funeral Mass occurred on Saturday, February 4.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you are in the 4th grade or older and have made your First Holy Communion and you would like to be an altar server then,
WE NEED YOU!



We especially need altar servers at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass and the Sunday 8:00am Mass

Please contact Fr. Steve through the Parish Office or at srosera@iccabq.org. Thank you.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” – Ephesians 6:18

How to Pray for People Caught in the Midst of Conflict

Wherever there is turmoil, the poor, marginalized, and children often suffer most. In addition to the obvious risk of lost lives, military conflicts can disrupt food and water distribution, interfere with access to medical care, destroy livelihoods and infrastructure, pause education and break families. We invite you to use this guide as you pray for the most vulnerable during this time of conflict in Ukraine.

<https://xaverianbrothers.org/2022/03/10/pray-for-people-in-conflict/>



Dear God,

We call upon You to provide safe shelter for refugees caught in the midst of conflict. We pray that the hearts of people would change, that enemies would be loved, and that violence will cease. We pray for the innocent on both sides of the conflict, who are caught in the middle, to love one another and be examples of Your light in a darkened world.

Amen.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS
IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW

Next Sunday's Readings



The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 12,
2023

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

FIRST READING: Sirach 15: 15-20

The eyes of God see all he has made.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5: 17-37; I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law, Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Using our time, talent, & treasure
to serve God and neighbor.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, February 4, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Tom Jaramillo
Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish
Monday, February 6, Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	
12:10 pm	+ The Repose of the Soul of Tanya Albina Martinez + Naomi & Robert Santiago
Tuesday, February 7, Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
7 am	For the Intentions of Jayden Valdez Priscilla Hernandez ~ Birthday
Wednesday, February 8, Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time , Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	
12:10 pm	For the Intentions of Alicia Lujan
Thursday, February 9, Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
7 am	
Friday, February 10, Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin	
12:10 pm	+ Jennie Sanchez
Saturday, February 11, Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time , Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	
7 am	
Saturday, February 12, Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Raymond. L Garcia. + Elijah Gallegos
Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish

Upcoming Events



Ash Wednesday is February 22. There will be four Masses on this day: 7am, 8:30am (SMS School Mass), 12:10pm, and 6pm.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

“For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.” (*USCCB, Fast & Abstinence*).



MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCH Thursday, February 16

Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month ~ that's Thursday, February 16, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~ On the 1st Friday of each month, we 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 follows. Confessions are as usual from 11am to 12noon.

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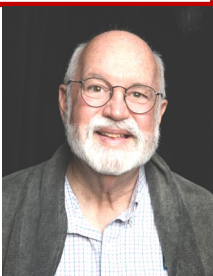


**Save the Date: Sunday, March 5
2:30 – 4:30pm**

**Gregory Joseph Boyle, SJ,
founder and director of Homeboy
Industries, the largest and most
successful gang rehabilitation
and re-entry program in the
world, will speak at:**

St. John XXIII Catholic Community
4831 Tramway Ridge Dr, NE

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For Parish – The Pope Video



“Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging.” This is Francis’ vision for parishes, which he explains in his February video, produced by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

It’s not a new vision, but rather the same that Christianity has had since its origins.

The Pope tells us that parishes “have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded.

February 2023 ~ Prayer of the Month ~ for Parishes

**Almighty and everlasting God,
who through your Son, the cornerstone,
has joined these people,
coming from diverse places,
and has joined this flock
under one and the same shepherd,
give to your servants,
the indissoluble bond of charity,
that there be no division of minds.
And let us, who are all one flock
under the guidance of one shepherd,
and are enclosed in one fold
under your protection, never be separated.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Adapted from the Ceremony of the Consecration of a Catholic Church



**✠ KNOW CHRIST ✠
✠ GROW IN CHRIST ✠**

Ongoing Activities

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious 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

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.



St. Vincent de Paul
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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22 — JANUARY 28, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$	8,991.00
St. Mary's School		25.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society		12.50
Rejuvenation Fund		1,121.00
Bread & Blessings		566.00
Francis House and Trinity House		20.00
Solemnity of Mary. Ash Wednesday, Christmas, Religious Retirement		42.00
Office, Masses, Candles, Flowers, Religious Ed., & ACA Rebate, CRS		457.99
TOTAL INCOME	\$	11,235.49

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$	147.72
Religious Education		00.00
School Support		00.00
Clergy Administration		00.00
Parish Administration		1,708.40
Building and Land Operations:		1,000.00
<u>Church Building</u>		<u>00.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$	2,856.12

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Alumni Mass

Thank you to all of the St. Mary's alumni who were able to share a part of the day with us. You are our valuable supporters knowing first-hand the education and the valuable life lessons you received from St. Mary's School.

Our alumni received a special blessing from Father Steve and the student body at a jubilant Mass followed by a reception.

During the reception our alumni were serenaded by our 3rd grade class and entertained by our first grade Spanish dancers. The 8th graders had an opportunity to hear their life stories. We appreciate you and you are welcome back anytime!

~~Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner



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.

The 2023 FIESTA PLANNING COMMITTEE has begun meeting. Please join us, if you would like to be a participant on this committee. Contact Chairperson Kathleen Sandoval through the Parish Office.



Our Fiesta will happen on Saturday, June 10.



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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES has many volunteer opportunities. However, the greatest need is for **Senior Transportation Drivers**.

Contact: Linda Seabrooks at (505) 724-4634 or at seabrooksl@ccasnm.org



IMMIGRANTS IN EL PASO ~

As you may have seen, read, or heard, El Paso is dealing with a great influx of immigrants. Many receive services at Sacred Heart, the Jesuit Parish in the Segundo Barrio. (You can watch Fr. Rafael's interview with CNN on our Facebook page from our website.)



"We've been ministering to immigrants since the parish was founded," said Rafael García, SJ, pastor. "This is simply the most recent example of that ministry."

If you would like to make a donation to help, go to <https://www.sacredheartelpaso.org/>. Then go to *Donate to our Church* and in the drop down menu you will find *Migrant Fund: Casa del Sagrado Corazón*.

CELIAC DISEASE

If you have celiac disease and are not able to consume the host at Communion time, please drop by the sacristy before Mass to meet the priest celebrating the Mass. We do not use "gluten-free" hosts at Immaculate Conception, so you will be given the opportunity to consume the Body and Blood of Christ from the chalice only.

Just drop by the sacristy and introduce yourself to the celebrant and the sacristan, and a chalice will be set out for your use.



**GLUTEN
FREE**

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



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on YouTube, find us at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpsBXhOrta8CPn_hjXEwcw



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



PAID INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development's (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approximately 18-20 hours/week, \$16/hour for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development, and Catholic social teaching. The applicant must be Catholic, have leadership experience, community service experience, and effective writing, communication, and computer skills. Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) candidates preferred.

An openness to the CCHD values of solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic social teaching is essential. CCHD has particular interest in helping low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations.

Applications can be requested by e-mail at aavellone@archdiosf.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life for more information, (505) 831-8167. Applications must be received by March 24, 2023. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity!



Join us on
[*myParish app*](#).

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.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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 Concepción, favor de comunicarse con el Padre Steve Rosera en la Oficina de la Parroquia o por correo electrónico a



srosera@iccabq.org. La parroquia ofrece cursos de preparación matrimonial con consejeros experimentados en esta área a todos aquellos que buscan preparación matrimonial.

Las pláticas para el Sacramento del Bautismo son cada Segundo domingo de mes. Favor de contactar a la Hermana Teresa para mas información (505) 249-2781.



No hay edad para ayudar y poner sus talentos al servicio de la comunidad parroquial.

Invitamos a niños, jóvenes y adultos a participar como ujieres (monaguillos), ushers, lectores y ministros de eucaristía. Nuestras misas serán más hermosas y tendrán sentido en nuestras vidas espirituales cuando hay participación de la comunidad.



Si tiene conocimiento de cualquier persona que viva dentro de los límites de la parroquia que tenga necesidad de asistencia para pagar utilidades o renta, indique que se comuniquen con The St. Vincent de Paul Clearinghouse al tel 505 346-1500. La ayuda de SVDP



esta disponible a todos aquellos que tengan necesidad. No es necesario ser miembro de la parroquia, o católico para obtener dicha ayuda.

Lineas de Crisis en Nuevo México

1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474) nmcrisisline.com