

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

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

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is available at
ICCABQ.org

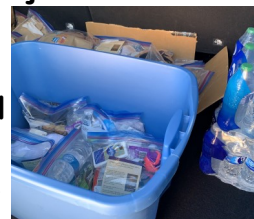
May They Rest in Peace ~ Let us keep our recently deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers.



- ✧ Rev. Francis E. Renfoe, SJ. See page 7.
- ✧ We also pray at this time for the thousands of people who have died in Turkey and Syria from the devastating earthquakes there.

On Saturday, Feb 4, the ICC Confirmation class took part in two group service projects.

In the morning, with the help of the *St. Benedict Joseph Labre* Ministry, we created and passed out care packages to the homeless in the downtown area.



In the afternoon, we went to *Project Defending Life* to learn about help and resources available for pregnant women. We did Eucharistic Adoration at the PDL chapel and finally prayed a Rosary for Life.

The Confirmation teachers, Confirmation team, and all of us are so proud of these Confirmation candidates and we ask you, the Immaculate Conception community, to please pray for these Confirmation Candidates, their parents, and sponsors as they enter into the final stages of preparation before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 27.

Confirmation Candidates:

Sophia Augustine
Joseph Martinez-Baca
Luke Buelow
Aliana Escudero
Diego Gonzales
Rylie Santiago Lopez
Sophia Martinez
Paz Romero
Pilar Romero
Mia Roybal
Lorenzo Sandoval
Mikaela Trujillo



Confirmation Teacher: Jerry Paz
Confirmation Assistant: Ellen Paz
by Debbie Garcia, Faith Formation, English



Next Sunday's Readings



The 7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 19,
2023

This Sunday's Readings

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and
abounding in kindness.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that
the Spirit of God dwells in you?

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5: 38-48; My command to you
is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL: The last two antitheses
offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of
enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an
inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to
limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not
excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his
followers to take a different approach by resisting
retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person
who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a
service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker
person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him
or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to
the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the
world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on
earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the
kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command
in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or
vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls
one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who
participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that
love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental
commands on which all else depend. Because God's love
is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does,
though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?
The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our
heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word
telos, which is probably better translated here as
"complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing
everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally
correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the
completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that
completeness.

Saturday, February 11, Vigil of the [Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Raymond. L Garcia. + Elijah Gallegos
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Sunday, February 12, [Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#),
World Marriage Day

8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
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10 am	+ Michael Salata St. Anthony
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12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish
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Monday, February 13, [Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time](#)

12:10 pm	+ Milt Alter + Kathy Drum
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Tuesday, February 14, [Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop](#)

7 am	Thanksgiving for our Blessed Mother
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Wednesday, February 15, [Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time](#)

12:10 pm	+ Gene Gilmore
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Thursday, February 16, [Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time](#)

7 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Friday, February 17, [Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time](#), The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:10 pm	+ Gauvin Masse Family + Souls of the Luchini Family
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Saturday, February 18, [Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time](#), Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

7 am	For the People of our Parish
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Sat., Feb. 18, Vigil of the [7th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Patsy Gutierrez
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Sunday, February 19, [Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero + Petra (Peggy) Cordova ~ 1 Year Anniversary
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10 am	+ Michael Salata + Archie Garcia ~ Anniversary
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12:30 pm Spanish	For the People of our Parish For the Intentions of Christopher Valdez
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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.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



**Our Welcoming
Community meets on
the 1st Sunday of
each month.**

**But this month, we
meet and eat on
Sunday, March 12**

"We acknowledge that we are a welcoming community, but we need to do more to welcome

marginalized groups, immigrants, homeless people, people far from the church." (ICC Listening Sessions for the Synodal Church)

Families in Action made a commitment to organize a potluck on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. This month we'll eat on March 12.

We invite parish groups and families to participate and make an effort to continue building up our community.



On March 12, we will celebrate Father Steve's birthday during our potluck.

KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

**40 CANS FOR
LENT**

**Turn a small sacrifice into a
big help to someone in need...**

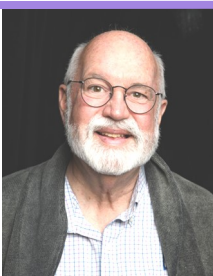
Donate, collect, give what you can. Together we CAN fight hunger!

CAN You help?

Place items in the small buckets by the Church doors.

**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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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.



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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 — FEBRUARY 4, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$ 10,201.00
St. Mary's School	1,312.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	62.50
Rejuvenation Fund	354.00
Bread & Blessings	566.00
Francis House and Trinity House	20.00
Office, Masses, Candles, Flowers, Religious Ed., & ACA Rebate, CRS	3,055.22
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,114.72

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 1,407.18
Religious Education	3,001.05
School Support	684.00
Clergy Administration	4,461.37
Parish Administration	7,749.38
Building and Land Operations:	2,420.72
<u>Church Building</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 19,723.70

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools week provided a great opportunity for students and staff to reflect on the importance of an education based on the Gospel values.

Students were asked to write letters home to parents thanking them for sending them to St. Mary's School. The students wrote how they appreciated their faith, going to Mass, their teachers, and, of course, their friends.

Our week was filled with appreciating our priests, parents, alumni, students, and teachers. The highlight was the all-school Catholic Schools Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Assumption. Mrs. Rivera (ICC musician) provided a 3rd grade choir complete with drummers and bi-lingual songs.

The spirit was felt through out the Mass as the kids sang their hearts out.

~~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

Francis House Catholic

Worker is in need of
REGULAR VOLUNTEERS AND
SUBS whom we can call when

our regulars can't come. Please, please consider being a regular or a sub or an occasional donor to do any of the following:

- ❖ make 60 sandwiches or make a big soup (talk with Linda for details: 505-515-6241);
- ❖ make cookies;
- ❖ bring fresh fruit;
- ❖ package bread, crackers, and other offerings;
- ❖ amend our supply of gloves and beanies;
- ❖ come at 8:30am for a few hours;
- ❖ raid your closet for warm coats, men's belts, gently used shoes, and jeans/sweats;
- ❖ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER; and
- ❖ also: cash or a tax-free donation using the following URL (our expenses have gone up like yours). <https://www.osvhub.com/iccabq/giving/funds/francis-house-catholic-worker>

We are grateful as always for your companionship on this journey!

~~Linda (lbluejay46@yahoo.com)

~~and Glenn (gmrosendale@gmail.com)

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.



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.



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 4pm Mass and the Sunday 8am Mass
Please contact Fr. Steve through the Parish Office or at srosera@iccabq.org. Thank you.



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.

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



LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Church beginning on Ash Wednesday.

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

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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!

✠ Reverend Francis E. Renfro, SJ, passed away at the age of 90 on Saturday, February 4, 2023, in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

Reverend Renfro was ordained on June 1, 1968, for the Society of Jesus.



He served as Associate Pastor and Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Albuquerque.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 10, 2023, at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, LA. Interment will follow at the Jesuit Cemetery at St. Charles College.

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

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Visita <https://crsplatodearroz.org> para saber más.



Las Familias que necesitan informacion para recibir los Sacramentos de:

Bautismo, 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.

Bautismos son cada segundo domingo del mes. Por favor marque a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el diacono Don (505) 247-4271 o hable con la hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781

Gracias a las familias que proporcionaron la comida del convivio del domingo pasado. Los invitamos a que participen en el grupo. Nuestra misión es crear comunidad – ser una iglesia sinodal y convivir con las familias de todas las misas de la parroquia.



Teresa Pena es parte del comité organizador para la fiesta de la parroquia que será en el mes de junio. Las familias de la misa de las 12:30 se comprometieron a preparar los puestos de comida. Se planea tener flautas, enchiladas, aguas frescas y menudo. Sánchez Tacos Food Truck estará donando la comida y su tiempo de 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. (toda la comida que se venda será donada a la parroquia). Agradecemos su generosidad.



Este mes nos reuniremos y comeremos el domingo 12 de marzo.

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