

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

Online Giving
is available at
ICCABQ.org



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

✠ We also pray at this time for the thousands of people who have died in Turkey and Syria from the devastating earthquakes there.



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*).



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated every Friday of Lent beginning on Friday, February 24.

Stations begin at 6pm and will be followed by a supper of soup and bread in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to bring a soup item or bread that would be wonderful.

(Just remember, no meat.)



Next Sunday's Readings



The 1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 26,
2023

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

FIRST READING: *Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: -7:* Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17*
A prayer for mercy

SECOND Reading: *Romans 5: 12-19*

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5: 12,17-19)

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING~ In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

Saturday, February 18, Vigil of the [7th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

4 pm + John Gallegos
+ Patsy Gutierrez

Sunday, February 19, [Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

8 am + Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
+ Petra (Peggy) Cordova ~ 1 Year Anniversary

10 am + Michael Salata
+ Archie Garcia ~ Anniversary

12:30 pm For the People of our Parish
Spanish For the Intentions of Christopher Valdez

Monday, February 20, [Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time](#)

12:10 pm + Gary Rinaldi & Tom Whitehead
+ All Sisters of Charity (who taught in St. Mary's in the 1960s)

Tuesday, February 21, [Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time](#), Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

7 am St. Jude

Wednesday, February 22, [Ash Wednesday](#)

7am People of our Parish

8:30am Students and Staff of St. Mary's School

12:10pm + Mario & Socorro Narro

6pm. People of our Parish

Thursday, February 23, [Thursday after Ash Wednesday](#), Saint Polycarp. Bishop, Martyr

7 am + Dolores Anaya ~ Anniversary

Friday, February 24, [Friday after Ash Wednesday](#)

12:10 pm For the Intentions of the Unhoused of Albuquerque

Saturday, February 25, [Saturday after Ash Wednesday](#)

7am For the Staff of our Parish

Saturday, February 25, Vigil of the [First Sunday of Lent](#)

4 pm + John Gallegos
For the intentions of Cecilia Martinez & Brian Shirley

Sunday, February 26, [First Sunday of Lent](#)

8 am + Marie S. & Louis G. Romero

10 am + Michael Salata

12:30 pm For our Parish
Spanish

Upcoming Events

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.



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.



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Prayer of an Aging Disciple

Barbara Lee invites us to consider our continuing call to

discipleship. We provide her "Prayer of an Aging Disciple" in three formats: printable mini-poster, coloring page, and group prayer version.

Living the Mass the Other Six Days of the Week: The Penitential Act: In this episode of a new video series, look at the Penitential Act, through which we acknowledge that we are sinners and ask for God's forgiveness.

Liturgical Year: Lent: Bookmark this link for a full selection of Lenten articles, activities, prayers, and videos.

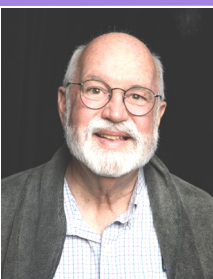
Living Lent Daily: Reflect each day with the Scripture-based inspiration of this e-mail series. Authors and other friends will share reflections based on Bible verses featured in the popular 3-Minute Retreats.

**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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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.



**MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCH
Thursday, March 16**

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

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.



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.

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.



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

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Immaculate Conception Parish ~ Feb. 19, 2023 ~ Pg 5

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

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$ 7,889.50
St. Mary's School	156.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	62.50
Rejuvenation Fund	828.00
Bread & Blessings	85.00
Francis House and Trinity House	20.00
Ash Wednesday	14.00
Office, Masses, Candles, Flowers, Religious Ed., & ACA Rebate, CRS	4,087.34
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,142.34

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 00.00
Religious Education	00.00
School Support	00.00
Clergy Administration	00.00
Parish Administration	00.00
Building and Land Operations:	9,869.96
<u>Church Building</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 9,869.96

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VALENTINES

Following in the footsteps of St. Valentine's example of true and unconditional love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, St. Mary's School students packed over 250 Valentine bags which were delivered to the Good Shepherd Center. These bags were decorated and filled with all sorts of goodies including hats, socks, candy, healthy snacks, Chap

Stick, hand warmers, toiletries, a Valentine Card, and love and prayers for those less fortunate.

The bags brought smiles to the faces of the staff at the Shepherd Center who very much appreciated the student's generosity

~~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)



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.

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.



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.





This Lent, the Jesuit Conference is inviting Ignatian writers to meditate upon a poem and a song that inspires them during this holy season. Art, we believe, helps us deepen our understanding of God in our world and our lives.

As we make our way through Lent, we act against the temptation to assume all forty of these days must be gloomy. In fact, in the Lenten sparsity, we find beauty and hope — and these poems and songs will point to exactly that.

Join us this Lent as we share in this beauty. Each Monday, our weekly writer will share a reflection on a poem; each Thursday, a song. We hope you'll join us!

[Sign up for these weekly emails here.](#)

WE STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE.



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



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!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND LEAST UNDERSTOOD PRAYER IN MASS.

Most Catholics see it as the priest's prayer that is centered on the consecration of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

Many priests use Eucharistic Prayer II, the shortest of the 13 versions of the prayer approved for use in the Catholic liturgy, and they recite it so quickly that if you blink you find yourself standing for the Lord's Prayer before you know it. Ironically, this prayer is attributed to Hippolytus, the first antipope, who opposed translating the Mass from Greek into the vulgar Latin.

[To read more, click here.](#)



Tom Reese, SJ

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

¡SE ACERCA LA CUARESMA!

Únete a nuestra comunidad de fe y a casi 13.000 comunidades católicas en todo Estados Unidos, en un viaje de Cuaresma transformador con Plato de Arroz de CRS.

Recoge tu Plato de Arroz de CRS el Miércoles de ceniza en Iglesia. Durante los 40 días de Cuaresma, reflexionaremos sobre el impacto del hambre y el cambio climático en las comunidades vulnerables de todo el mundo. Oraremos, ayunaremos y daremos limosna para ayudar a nuestros hermanos necesitados.

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