

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:

- ✧ March 4 & 5: St. Mary's School
- ✧ March 11 & 12: St. Vincent de Paul Society
- ✧ March 25 & 26: Renovation Fund

Online Giving
is available at
ICCABQ.org



on Sunday,
March 12,
at 2am

TODAY !!

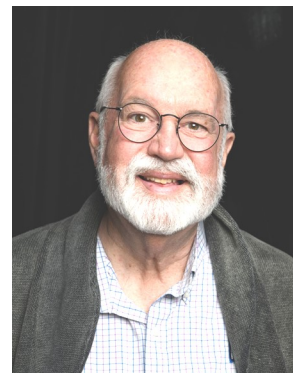
2:30 – 4:30pm

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

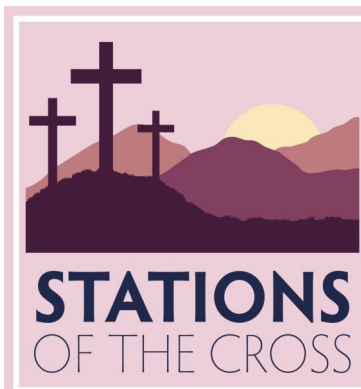
will speak at:

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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated every Friday of Lent.



Stations begin at 6pm and will be followed by a supper of soup and bread in the basement Parish Hall, except for March 31. If you would like to bring a soup item or bread, that would be wonderful. (Just remember, no meat.)

On March 31, there will be no meal after Stations. Instead, we will celebrate our parish **PENANCE SERVICE**.



Our Welcoming Community **PotLuck Meal** usually is on the 1st Sunday of each month. However in March, we will meet and eat on Sunday, March 12.

For more information go to Page 3.

Here are local Lenten Penance Services which all may attend:

- ✧ Wednesday / Miércoles, March 8, at St. Anne's beginning at 7pm;
- ✧ Thursday / Jueves, March 9, at San Martin beginning at 5:30pm;
- ✧ Tuesday / Martes, March 14, at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande beginning at 7pm; and
- ✧ Friday / Viernes, March 31, at Immaculate Conception beginning at 7pm.



Next Sunday's Readings



The 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 12, 2023

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

FIRST READING: *Exodus 17: 3-7*

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9*

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: *Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL READING: *John 4: 5-42*

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods.

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Mass Intentions	
Saturday, March 4, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos
Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata + Arthur Duran ~ Anniversary
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish
Monday, March 6, Monday of the Second Week in Lent	
12:10 pm	+ Heather & Bill Garcia + Naomi & Robert Santiago + Liz & Gino Garcia
Tuesday, March 7, Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent , Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	
7 am	+ Reuben Baca - Birthday
Wed., March 8, Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent , Saint John of God, Religious	
12:10 pm	James Turberville ~ Birthday + Liz & Gino Garcia + Severo & Arthur Trujillo ~ Repose of Souls
Thursday, March 9, Thursday of the Second Week of Lent , Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	
7 am	+ Robert Mendoza
Friday, March 10, Friday of the Second Week of Lent	
12:10 pm	For the Intentions of Thelma Sice Romero + Paul D. Baca
Saturday, March 11, Saturday of the Second Week of Lent	
7 am	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, March 11, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos
Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish

Upcoming Events



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.

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



St. Joseph Adoption Novena

Praying For All Who Travel Upon the Path of Adoption

March 11-19



respectlife.org/adoption-novena



Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 20,* join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Additional resources are available.

**Normally March 19th, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is transferred to Monday, March 20th in 2023 because March 19th falls on a Sunday.*

SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVIOR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams?

Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

National Eucharistic Revival



This year's [Catholic Faith Formation](https://catholicfaithformation.org) newsletter features resources to help you during this time of National Eucharistic Revival.

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[ARRUPE NAMES FR. MARCUS FRYER
NEXT PRINCIPAL](https://www.arrupe.org)

Clarification: Arrupe High School is located in Denver.



Ongoing Activities



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!

Place items in the buckets by the Church doors.

CAN You help?

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.



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. We are almost finished with our discussion of Thomas Merton's *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

Our next book is Richard A. Levins' *God or Greed: The Market as Culture*. This small booklet (60 pages) is available from the Parish Office for \$8.00.

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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Our parish catechumens and candidates and our RCIA team pose for a photo with Archbishop John C. Wester last Thursday at St. Jude Thaddeus Church.

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 FEBRUARY 20—28, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

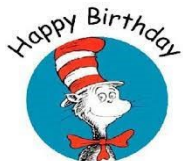
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,547.50
St. Mary's School	195.00
Rejuvenation Fund	1,446.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	17.50
Bread & Blessings	10.00
Francis House and Trinity House	20.00
Ash Wednesday	2,866.00
Office, Office, Candles, ACA, CRS	2,090.83
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,192.83

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 518.28
Religious Education	139.58
Ministries	00.00
School Support	00.00
Clergy Administration	1,355.85
Parish Administration	3,030.27
Building and Land Operations:	892.17
Church Building	00.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,936.15



Dr. Seuss Week



Dr. Seuss

St. Mary's students had some fun with Dr. Seuss Week including crazy hair day (Whoville), bringing your favorite stuffed animal (If I ran the Zoo), dressing up as your favorite career (Oh the Places you'll go) and a variety of other activities. But most importantly the week was all about reading, reading, reading. Students brought their favorite Dr. Seuss book in to read and share with others. What a fun way to build reading skills and vocabulary!



~~Carol Johansen,
Teacher & Parishioner



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Continued from Page 2 ~ When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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! Francis House is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, 8:30 to 1:30 or until food runs out. It is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's address is 8016 Zuni SE (storefront) just past Dallas across from Car Wash.

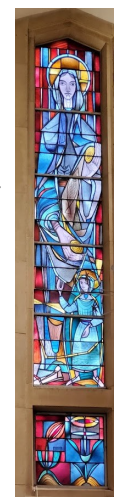
~~Linda (lbluejay46@yahoo.com)

~~and Glenn (gmrosendale@gmail.com)



ART WORK, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, STATUES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!! It's all beautiful and meaningful. ICC wants to share this with others in ABQ by offering periodic tours of our sacred place of worship.

Are you, or do you know someone, that would be interested in sharing ICC's treasures with the public? If so, contact Joan at jwierzba@comcast.net. We will work together to create a program for many to enjoy. (This may become a stipended position.)



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.

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.

**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_htjXEwcw



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



VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE
**Keep all young people discerning
religious life & priesthood in your prayers!**



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!



A good source for news about the Church is *VATICAN NEWS*. You can subscribe by

completing the form at this URL: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/newsletter-registration.html> and receive the news daily in your inbox.

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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.

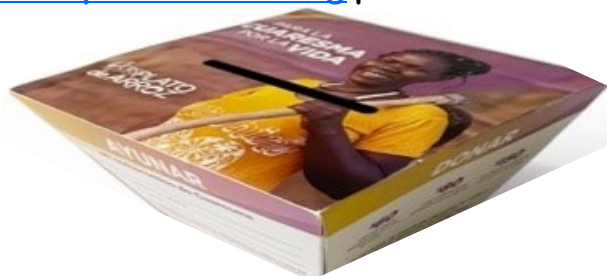


LA CATEQUESIS

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

FÚTBOL Y UN RESERVORIO DAÑADO

En el Corredor Seco de Honduras, el cambio climático provoca una sequía constante que hace casi imposible sembrar. Con el apoyo de Catholic Relief Services, Rony, un agricultor, reparó un viejo reservorio e instaló un nuevo sistema de riego para mejorar sus cosechas. Ahora Rony puede enviar a su hijo a una academia de fútbol para perseguir su sueño de convertirse en jugador profesional. ¿Cómo puedes trabajar como Rony para apoyar las necesidades y los sueños de los demás? Visita <https://crsplatodearroz.org> para saber más.



Antes de la solemnidad de San José el 20 de marzo,* únanse a nosotros para rezar la Novena a San José para

una adopción. Invocando la intercesión del padre adoptivo de Jesús, rezaremos para que el Señor bendiga a todos los que andan por el camino de la adopción. Hay materiales adicionales disponibles. *Cuando el 19 de marzo cae en domingo, la Solemnidad de san José, esposo de la Bienaventurada Virgen María se transfiere al lunes 20.

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