

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.

On March 31, there will be no meal after Stations. Instead, we will celebrate our parish **PENANCE SERVICE**. (See below.) St. Mary's School pray the **LIVING** Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, on Tuesday, April 4, at 9am, in the Church. You are most welcome to come and pray with the students.

Here is a local Lenten Penance Services which all may attend:

- ✧ Tuesday / Martes, March 28, at Holy Rosary.

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 18 & 19: Catholic Relief Services
- ✧ March 25 & 26: Renovation Fund
- ✧ April 1 & 2: 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.

- ✧ Bonnie Jane Trujillo (75). Rosary/Vigil on Saturday, March 25, 8:30am. Her Funeral will follow at 9:30am.

There will be a Parish Penance Service on Friday, March 31, following the Stations of the Cross, at approximately 6:45pm.

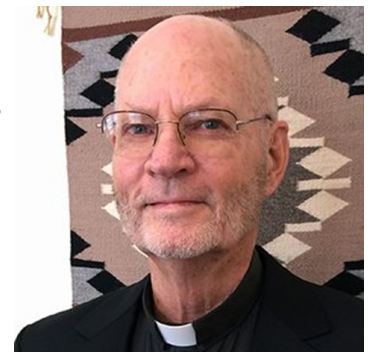


There will be opportunity to go to individual confession to a priest at this Service.

Please note that **AFTER MARCH 31**, Fr. Steve and Fr. Rob will not be hearing confessions at normal confession times until **AFTER** Easter.

So, please take advantage of the Penance Service on Friday, March 31, if you wish to go to confession before Easter.

✠ Father Robert L. Sullivan, SJ, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, in Florissant, Missouri. He was 86 years old, a Jesuit for 68 years and a priest for 55 years.



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Next Sunday's Readings



The 5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 26, 2023

[This Sunday's Reading](#)

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 37: 12-14*

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 130: 1-8*

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8: 8-11*

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: *John 11: 1-45*

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident

that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, March 18, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Raymond Sparks ~ Anniversary
Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata + Robert O. Mendoza
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish
Monday, March 20, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
12:10 pm	+ Josie Vallejos ~ Birthday + Roy & Flora Leyba ~ Birthdays + Angela Abeyta ~ Birthday
Tues., March 21, Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
7 am	+ Jim Rosera ~ Birthday
Wed., March 22, Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
12:10 pm	Eloisa Leyba ~ Birthday + Ursula Cid ~ Anniversary
Thurs., March 23, Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent , Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo	
7 am	For the Intentions of Roberta & Michael Montoya
Friday, March 24, Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
12:10 pm	+ Gary Sullivan ~ Birthday + John Richard Ogilvie ~ Birthday
Saturday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	
7 am	+ Fr. Bob "Roberto" Sullivan, SJ
Saturday, March 25, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ Richard James Callahan
Sunday, March 19, Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm Spanish	+ Rumualdo & Isabel Duarte + Blanca Duarte

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Upcoming Events

Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination, March 21-27, 2023

See how Catholic Charities is confronting racism and discrimination at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Policy-Paper-Poverty-and-Racism-1.pdf>

Read the U.S Bishops' Pastoral on Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/>

Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <https://tolton.archchicago.org/> and <http://nbccongress.org/>

Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, The Racial Divide in the United States along with the study guide: [How do we heal racial tensions? Start by admitting errors, Bishop Braxton says](#)

Anniversary of *Evangelium vitae*: March 25, 2023

March 25 marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). Several resources are available to help you observe this anniversary in your parish, including [The Gospel of Life: Compendium](#) and [Study Guide](#).

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



MONTHLY LUNCHEON
Thursday, April 20



Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month ~ that's Thursday, April 20, 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.

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At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

National Eucharistic Revival

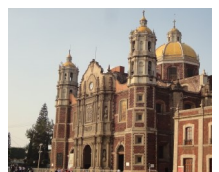


This year's [Catholic Faith Formation](#) newsletter features resources to help you during this time of National Eucharistic Revival.

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ON HER FEAST DAY. Saturday, December 9 through Saturday, December 16, 2023. Join the thousands who honor Our Lady with their devotions, prayers and dances on December 12. Also visit the colonial cities of Puebla, Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, Queretaro, etc. Spiritual directors: Frs. Nathan Libaire and Juan Mendez. \$2,699.00 per person, double occupancy. Limited spaces available. Sign up by May 1 for \$200.00 off. For more information and booking: Holy Land Travel Center 866-339-3323 or info@holylandtc.com



Ongoing Activities



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

Our Communion to the Homebound program has some changes. If you take communion to those who cannot join us at Mass, take your pyx to the Sacristy before Mass. The Presider will

fill it after Communion and then invite you to the foot of the altar and, with a blessing, return it to you. You should have a burse in which to carry your pyx. Then return to your seat for the Final Blessing.



~~ FROM POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY ON THE DAY HE WAS ELECTED POPE -- MARCH 1, 2017.

Lent is the time for saying NO. NO to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people's lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality.

Lent means saying NO to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most.

Lent is the time to say NO to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good.

Lent is the time to say NO to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

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 MARCH 6—MARCH 12, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$ 7,001.50
St. Mary's School	141.00
Rejuvenation Fund	1,394.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1,050.50
Bread & Blessings	10.00
Francis House and Trinity House	120.00
Special Collections	132.00
Office, Candles, ACA, CRS, Flowers	3,907.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,756.90

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 2,161.74
Religious Education	3,091.14
Ministries	00.00
School Support	00.00
Clergy Administration	6,270.78
Parish Administration	12,993.88
Building and Land Operations:	4,323.87
Total Expenses:	\$ 28,844.41

During Lent ~ PRAY ✕ FAST ✕ GIVE ✕ LEARN

Office Depot contributes 5% of your purchase to a local school of your choice whenever you shop with them.

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It's Harvest Time

At St. Mary's School you can find all sorts of vegetables growing in the hydroponics gardens including lettuce,



peppers, basil and lots more. These gardens can be found in every classroom. St. Mary's School received an \$8000 grant for all of the supplies to get us started growing.

The 1st grade class harvested enough lettuce for a take home baggie. They look ready for a delicious salad. Yum!

~~Carol Johansen,
Teacher & Parishioner

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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



Immaculate Conceptions Council 15788 is having a membership drive. The Knights are looking for men to help our parish out today.



Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way of Faith by helping our church and its community.

You can join for free through June 30, 2023. Online, go to KofC.org/joinus or scan the code above with your phone camera and enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information. The code is **BLESSEDMCGIVENY**.

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)



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



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.

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Love and Piety Marked Fr. Robert Sullivan's Life

Remembered by his Jesuit brothers for his simple piety, his funeral Mass was held at St. Ignatius Hall at Garden Villas North in Florissant, on Saturday, March 18. Burial will follow at 9:30am on Monday, March 20, 2023, in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Robert L. Sullivan was born in Denver on November 1, 1936, to Louis and Mary Harrington Sullivan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.L. He is survived by several second cousins and his brothers in the Society of Jesus.

After graduating from Regis High School in Denver, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Florissant, Missouri, on August 8, 1954, and pronounced first vows on August 15, 1956. After two years of Juniorate studies, he earned a bachelor's degree and a Master of Philosophy degree at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1967, at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver and received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Saint Louis University shortly after.

Father Sullivan received his first apostolic assignment in 1962, teaching Latin and typing, while coaching swimming and golf at St. Louis University High School.

Father Sullivan served in a pastoral ministry in Honduras from 1968 to 1982. "Padre Roberto," as the people called him, was known for his love for the people he served. His years as a missionary in Honduras shaped the remainder of his Jesuit life.

After returning to the United States, he was missioned to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Kansas City, Mo., as associate pastor for the spring of 1983, and then to Mt. Carmel Parish in Pueblo, Colorado, as pastor from 1983 to 1987.

From 1987 to 1997, Fr. Sullivan served as the pastoral assistant to the provincial for the former Missouri Province. After a brief sabbatical, he served as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., until 2004.

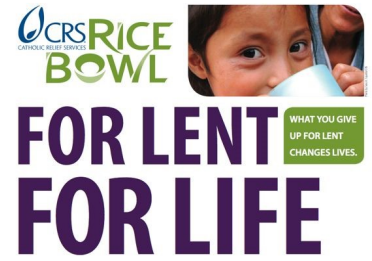
For a few months, Fr. Sullivan was a parochial vicar at St. Mary's Cathedral and a hospital chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, both in Colorado Springs. He gave up chaplaincy in 2004 and remained a pastoral minister at the Cathedral until 2008.



SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya, raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



He returned to education in 2008, serving in campus ministry at Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, Colo., for eight years.

His final pastoral assignment was at Immaculate Conception Parish in Albuquerque, where he served from 2016 to 2021.

Father Sullivan moved to the Jesuit Hall Community in Saint Louis, where he began a ministry of prayer for the Church and the Society of Jesus, often spending hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We remember with gratitude all that God has done through Fr. Sullivan's life of service to God and God's people.

Memorial gifts may be made to the USA Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus at 4511 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 or [through this website](https://crsricebowl.org).

Fr. Bob filling Holy Water containers in the Sacristy during the covid pandemic, July 2020.



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

COMPARTIENDO LOS LOGROS

La mayoría de los habitantes de Turkana, Kenia, crían ganado y algunos son agricultores. Pero el clima caliente y seco dificulta este trabajo, y el cambio climático lo hace todavía más difícil. Rebecca y Lotiang participaron en un programa de Catholic Relief Services que instaló un pozo de agua y aprendieron nuevas técnicas agrícolas. Rebecca y Lotiang pueden alimentar a su familia con lo que cosechan y comparten lo que han aprendido con otros en su comunidad. ¿Cómo puedes utilizar tus habilidades y conocimientos para ayudar a los demás?

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

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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.

Aniversario de *Evangelium vitae*: 25 de marzo de 2023

El 25 de marzo también marca el aniversario de la encíclica papal *Evangelium vitae* (*El Evangelio de la Vida*). Hay una variedad de recursos para ayudarlos a celebrar este aniversario en la parroquia, que incluyen *El Evangelio de la vida: Compendio* y *Guía de estudio*. Otros recursos que incluyen volantes para el boletín y gráficos están disponibles en inglés y español en respectlife.org/gospel-of-life.



El Sábado Marzo 11, 2023, Los niños y niñas de esta Parroquia Recibieron el Sacramento de Reconciliación o Confesión. Continuarán preparándose para la Primera Comunión el 21 de Mayo. Felicitaciones!



Este Domingo 19 de Marzo no habrá clases de catecismo debido al descanso de Spring Break de las escuelas. Volvemos al catecismo el 26 de Marzo

Gracias!

Las pláticas para el Sacramento del Bautismo son cada Segundo domingo de mes.

Favor de contactar a la Hermana Teresa para más información, 505-249-2781.



Líneas de Crisis en Nuevo México

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



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An Open Letter to Sexual Abuse Claimants within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

ALBUQUERQUE – Thursday, March 16, 2023– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, has issued the following open letter of apology to the sexual abuse claimants within the Archdiocese of Santa

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 16, 2023

To Sexual Abuse Claimants within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe,

With this open letter, I wish to express my profound regret and sorrow over the tragic and inexcusable harm done to you by clergy sexual abuse. As Archbishop of Santa Fe, I apologize to each of you and to all those who have been harmed by sexual abuse perpetrated by Roman Catholic Clergy in this archdiocese. The Archdiocese takes responsibility for the abuse. I am ashamed of what happened to you and even more so that it happened within the auspices of the Catholic Church. There are no words that can convey how sorry I am and how committed this archdiocese is to keep children and young people safe.

I also wish to affirm that none of you are to blame for the abuse perpetrated upon you. Sadly, it is not unusual for those victimized by clergy sexual abuse to carry guilt for the abuse they received. This guilt is often encouraged by the perpetrator and is entirely unfounded. You were completely innocent and did nothing to deserve, encourage or sustain the hideous crime of sexual abuse of a minor.

It is my fervent hope that the Chapter 11 process that is concluding now will bring you all some measure of justice. I pray that this moment will be yet another step in the healing process and that you will find the peace and well-being that is your God-given right.

With admiration for your courage, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe