



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, OLVM, and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordinators 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: <u>iccabq.org</u> Morning Receptionist: Ken Cantwell Afternoon Receptionist: Karime Rameriz

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.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION:

- ♦ April 22 & 23: Renovation Fund
- ♦ May 6 & 7: St. Mary's School

Online Giving is available at ICCABQ.org

HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT ONGOING

The major overhaul of our heating/ventilation/air-conditioning (HVAC) system has begun. This will entail turning the heat off in the church. While April afternoons are expected to be very nice, the early mornings can still get chilly. Please bring a sweater or light jacket with you to Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE, SERVICE ON SUNDAY APRIL 16



Preparing for the Entrance Procession

Deacon Don during Benediction.



Veneration of the sacred image.

Catholic Daughters of America

Photos by Sergio Orozco



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: If you are scheduled to serve via the MSP app, and find that you cannot, click the request *sub button* in the app. This gives other ministers a chance to volunteer to take your place and alerts the sacristan that you're not available. Many of you are doing this - some are not. Thanks for your cooperation and continued service. If unclear on how to do this, contact Fr. Steve, one of the sacristans, or a fellow minister.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe
African American Catholic Community
will celebrate its 31st Anniversary Mass
on Sunday, April 30, 2023
at 12 noon
For more information, go to page 7.



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Return your <u>CRS Rice Bowl</u> to the white box on the steps of the altar or contribute online at https://www.osvhub.com/iccaba/giving/funds

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Next Sunday's Readings



The Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle A

Sunday, April 30, 2023

This Sunday's Readings

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14a, 36-41 Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23: 1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: John 10: 1-10 Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called *Good Shepherd Sunday* because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

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Mass Intentions				
Saturday, April 22, The Vigil of <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>				
4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Sandra Sedillo			
Sunday, Ap	ril 23, <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>			
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louie G. Romero + Jason Aragon			
10 am	For Our Parish			
12:30 pm Spanish	+ Merced, Gilberto & Jose Alberto Medrano			
Monday, April 24, <u>Monday of the Third Week of Easter</u> , Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr				
12:10 pm	+ Rita Woodley ~ Birthday + Robert Mahoney			
Tuesday, April 25, <u>Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist</u>				
7 am	+ Rev. Edward Okpa			
Wed., April 26, Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter				
12:10 pm	+ Jason Aragon+ Albert Armijo ~ Anniversary+ Polly Sandoval ~ Anniversary			
Thursday, April 27, Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter				
7 am	For our Parishioners being Confirmed To- night			
Friday, April 28, <u>Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter</u> , Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest				
12:10 pm	+ Robert Mendez			
Saturday, April 29, Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church				
7 am	For our Unhoused Population			
Saturday, A	April 29, The Vigil of <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>			
4 pm	+ John Gallegos+ Gabriel Sanchez+ Albeen Martinez & Anthony Aragon			
Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter				
8 am	The Intention of Mary Pierson + Marie S. & Louis G. Romero			
10 am	For Our Parish			
12:30 pm Spanish	+ Aaron Pineda Albarran ~ Anniversary			

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

Upcoming Events

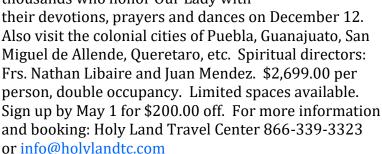
Our Welcoming Community PotLuck Meal is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. Next month that will be May 7. We meet and eat in the fenced-in patio area between the Church and the Rectory on the Copper Street side of our facility. All are welcome.



REPROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille of NM announced their next program, from May 19 to 21, 2023. Retrouvaille was founded in 1977 by a group of Catholic couples in Quebec, Canada. The program quickly spread to other parts of Canada and the United States, and it is now offered in many countries around the world. Since its founding, Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples to rebuild their relationships and rediscover the love they once had for each other. If interested, go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

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





Casa de las
Comunidades would
like to give a huge
thank you to the
Knights of Columbus
for donating goods
from their collection of

40 canned goods for Lent! We also would like to thank all parishioners for donating; thanks to the donations we were able to hand out so many goods to families in need.



PARISH FIESTA AND RAFFLE

Mark your calendar for our annual Immaculate Conception Spring Fiesta on Saturday, June 10, beginning at 10am.

Come and join us for breakfast items at 10am and then fiesta burgers and other delicious food items at noon.

There is music, games, bingo, and dancing all afternoon. The Fiesta will end with Mass at 4pm.

Raffle tickets are available in the vestibule of the church. Pick up a couple of books and sell them for the benefit of the parish.



MONTHLY LUNCHEON: Thursday, May 18 Members of the parish meet for lunch once a 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.



Join us on <u>myParish app</u>.

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10—APRIL 17, 2023:

Income Including Online Giving		
Weekly Collection		7,664.22
St. Mary's School		35.00
Rejuvenation Fund		896.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society		247.50
Bread & Blessings		10.00
Spring Fiesta 2023		420.00
Francis House and Trinity House		445.00
Easter		190.00
Special Collections		30.00
Office, Candles, ACA, CRS, Flowers		905.00
TOTAL INCOME		10,842.72

EXPENSES		
Liturgy and Worship		1,214.59
Religious Education		1,751.76
School Support		3,166.67
Parish Administration		2,216.63
Building and Land Operations:		5,180.75
Total Expenses:	\$	13,530.40

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

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St. Mary's Catholic School, a dual language community, embraces the Gospel message by enriching

through Catholic teachings,

academic excellence, Christian leadership and service.

Spirit

See page 3 for

information

about St. Mary's

Golf

Tournament.

Our St. Mary's School Cougar Cheer team took 1st place in the Let's Get Loud Competition. Our St. Mary's alumnus, Morgan Vivian, who is now a senior in high school, has dedicated her time to be their instructional coach. These young ladies can be

seen at our various sports competitions and

assemblies. We love their school spirit. Congratulations!

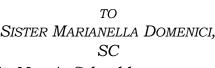


~~Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner

GYM FLOOR DEDICATION TOSISTER MARIANELLA DOMENICI, SC

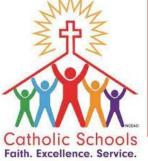
St. Mary's School has a new gym floor and we can't wait to show it off.

You are invited to come to the "unveiling" on Friday, May 12th @ 6pm. Following the Who will you root for?



dedication there will be a basketball game...the alumni v current basketball team.







Ongoing Activities

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, 6 to 7pm. We begin a discussion of Francis S. Collins' The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief on Wednesday, April 19. This book is available from your favorite bookseller, and is available on Kindle, Audible, and other electronic platforms.



Immaculate Conceptions Council 15788 is having a membership drive.

You can join for free through June 30,2023.





MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are interested in being married at Immaculate Conception Church, contact Fr. Steve Rosera through the Parish

Office or via his email:

srosera@iccabq.org.

We have experienced married couples who will help engaged couples prepare for their wedding and marriage.



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.

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. LISTENING TO SHAME BY BRENÉ BROWN (6 million views) is the discussion starter for conversation after the 10am Mass on

Sunday. Shame is an unspoken epidemic, the secret behind many forms of broken behavior. Brené Brown explores what can happen when people confront their shame head-on. https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=psN1DORYYV0

We'll meet either in the back of the church or in the plaza, depending on the weather. (Look for the laptop). We start at 11:10; done by noon. The video is a discussion starter. Please feel free to disagree.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~ On the 1st EUCHARISTIC 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Online Giving is available at **ICCABQ.org**

In addition to writing a check or using cash to contribute to Immaculate Conception Church's ministries, you can go to the parish website:

www.iccabq.org and click on the Online Giving button. There you can contribute to the Weekly Collection and Renovation Fund categories as well as such ministries as Bread & Blessings, Francis House, St. Vincent de Paul, Casa de las Comunidades, Annual Catholic Appeal and others. This year you also give a donation to our June 10th Spring Fiesta to help defray the costs. Check out the Online Giving opportunities!

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Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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VOLUNTEER PARISH POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~~

Videographers Needed.

If you are interested in helping to stream, the



10am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses, contact Fr. Steve 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 <u>volunteer position</u>.

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:

- 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, 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.

Francis House Catholic Worker need of REGULAR

CATHOLIC WWORKER

VOLUNTEERS AND SUBSTITUTES.

Consider being a regular or a sub or an occasional donor to prepare food or provide clothes.

We also accept tax-free donations using Immaculate Conception's Online Giving at: https://

www.osvhub.com/iccabq/giving/funds/francis-house-catholic-worker

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 across from Car Wash.

~~Linda (lblueiav46@vahoo.com)

~~and Glenn (gmrosendale@gmail.com)

The 2023 FIESTA PLANNING COMMITTEE needs various donations to help make our event successful.

If you are able to donate any of the following items, email Kathleen at kathleen.i.sandoval@gmail.com or

take your donations to the Parish Office.

- Monetary donations for the purchase of Fiesta supplies (You can donate online at https://www.osvhub.com/iccabq/giving/funds/annual-spring-fiesta);
- Silent Auction items; and
- ❖ Cakes for the Cake Walk on the day of the Fiesta. And we need volunteers to run various games and booths, or for set up and clean up for our Fiesta on Saturday, June 10. Thank you! Kathleen Sandoval,

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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.



GIFT BEARERS are needed for weekend Masses to carry the bread and wine to the Presider during the Preparation of the Gifts. Gift Bearers can be couples, families, or individuals.

Talk to an usher before Mass to see if you are needed. If you have questions, contact Erne Woodley at 505-340-5292.

Our Communion to the Homebound

If you take communion to those who cannot join us at Mass, take your pyx to the Sacristy before Mass. The Presider Homebound 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.

Information from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

FIND YOUR PURPOSE...FEED YOUR SOUL, at last, a powerful catholic study for you!

Discovering Authentic Beauty & our Identity through Our Lady A Women's Retreat With Kate Capato & Pawel Machura, Visual Grace Friday and Saturday, April 28 & 29 St. Jude Thaddeus Parish 5712 Paradise Blvd NW

CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER DAY AND WORLD LABOR DAY ON MAY 1

May Day has long been dedicated as a special day for labor and working people. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to give all workers a model



and a protector. Catholic social teaching supports the dignity of work and the rights of workers. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected: the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. Respecting these rights promotes an economy that protects human life, defends human rights, and advances the well-being of all. The Catholic Bishops of the United States have long held that the most effective way to build a just economy is to make decent work at decent wages available for all those capable of working. When the economy fails to generate sufficient jobs, there is a moral obligation to protect the life and dignity of unemployed and underemployed workers and their families.

Pope Francis said, "I address a strong appeal from my heart that the dignity and safety of the worker always be protected" (Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 4/28/13).

Learn more about Catholic teaching on workers' rights by visiting http://www.usccb.org/issues- and-action/human-life-and-dignity/laboremployment/index.cfm#primers.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community' will celebrate its 31st Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, Albuquerque, with Presider: Fr. Benjamin Onwumelu, Pastor at Sacred Heart Church and Spiritual Director of the AACC.

Join us in person or virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St -Joseph-on-the-Rio -Grande-112836890430507.

Donations can be mailed to the AACC at 4000 St. Joseph Place NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Write AACC on memo

line or make a secure donation online at www.https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/

Community For more information call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167.

CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI' WEEK FROM MAY 21 TO 28, 2023

Laudato Si' Week will mark the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and show how the protagonists of The Letter are already doing so. The theme for this year is Hope for the



Earth. Hope for Humanity. Learn more about Laudato Si' Week here: https://laudatosiweek.org/.

Social Action Summer Institute in Atlanta: **OUT OF THE SHADOWS:**

SHINING A LIGHT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING The annual Social Action Summer Institute will be taking place in-person at Emory University in Atlantafrom Wednesday to Saturday July 12-15.

This year's theme is Out of the Shadows: Shining a LIGHT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING. Programming will emphasize the various facets of human trafficking, including sex, labor and migrant trafficking, as well as how the Catholic Church, people of faith and/or community organizations respond to this pro-life issue.



This issue demonstrates how the entire community must come together to put → an end to human trafficking. Watch for more information here: https:// www.catholicroundtable.org/events/ social-action-summer-institute-sasi.

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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

Las Familias que necesitan informacion para recibir los Sacrementos de:

Baptismo, Confirmacion, Primera Comunion. O, para otra informacion favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia de los mananas: O, llamar Sister Teresa Aparicio at 505-850-3906

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 católicao para obtener dicha ayuda.

Casa de las Comunidades necesita voluntarios para la clase de Ingles (clases basicas de ESL) cada semana por 2 horas. Tambien para distribuir comida el viernes de 10-12 o los sabados de 8:30-11:00. Para mas informacion favor de llamar a la oficina de Casa a (505) 265-2371 o con Juliette C'DeBaca (505) 610-5153

Fiesta Parroquial y Rifa

Marque su calendario para nuestra Fiesta anual de la Primavera de la Inmaculada Concepción el Sábado 10 de junio, a partir de las 10 a.m.



Venga y únase a nosotros para el desayuno a las 10 am y luego al mediodía habra otros deliciosos alimentos.

Habra música, juegos, bingo y baile toda la tarde. La Fiesta terminará con la Misa a las 4pm. Los boletos de la rifa están disponibles en la parte atras de la iglesia. Recoga un par de libros y véndalos por beneficio de la parroquia.

El padre Steve invita adolescentes y jóvenes a participar activamente en las misas del domingo... como servidores del altar/monaguillos. Se requiere que hayan hecho su primera comunión.





Este mes de Abril los jóvenes del Catecismo se confirmaran. La práctica será el <u>sábado 22 de Abril a las 2:00 p.m.</u> en la iglesia. Padres y estudiantes favor de acomodar sus horarios para poder estar presente ese día!

La celebración de la confirmación será el <u>jueves 27 de</u> <u>abril a las 6:00 p.m.</u>

las celebraciones de la Primera Comunión tendrán lugar el 21 de mayo en la Misa de las 10:00AM (en inglés) y en la Misa de las 12:30 (en español).





El próximo
convivo será el 7
de Mayo. Este
mes
celebraremos a
los
cumpleañeros y
a las madres.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!



Para celebrar un bautizo por favor marque a la oficina (505) 247-4271 y pregunte por el Diacono Don.

¡Casa de las Comunidades quisiera agradecer enormemente a los Caballeros de Colón por donar productos enlatados! También nos gustaría agradecer

a todos los que participaron en estas donaciones, gracias a las donaciones pudimos repartir tantos bienes a las familias necesitadas.

