

Welcome to  
our parish  
community!

### Our Pastoral Team

- ✧ Fr. Steve Rosera, Pastor;
- ✧ Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Fr. Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem, Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Deacon Don Roseborough, Emeritus;
- ✧ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Emeritus;
- ✧ Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal of St. Mary's School;
- ✧ Sr. Teresa Aparicio, OLVM, and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordination of Faith Formation; and
- ✧ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director.

### The Parish Office

Hours: Monday—Friday: 9am to 4pm.

619 Copper Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: [ICCABQ.org](http://ICCABQ.org)

Morning Receptionist: Ken Cantwell

Afternoon Receptionist: Karime Ramirez

### Weekly 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.

### Second Collections

- ✧ St. Mary's School, December 2-3
- ✧ Retired Religious December 9-10
- ✧ St. Vincent de Paul Society December 16-17

### Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

All families including catechism families are invited to prepare Advent wreaths in preparation for Christmas. The blessing will be on Sunday, December 3, during the Masses at 10am and 12:30pm.



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, Patroness of the United States, and our parish feast day, is celebrated on Friday, December 8.

It is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Mass will be celebrated at 7am, 8:30am (St. Mary's School Mass), 12:10pm, and 5:30pm.

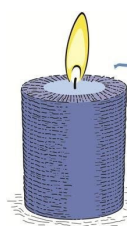
Our Parish Mission begins with the 5:30pm Mass.

### Our Advent Mission is Coming Up! With Fr. Marcus Fryer, SJ



See the ADVENT MISSION Flyer on Page 8 of this bulletin!

### Advent, 2023



ADVENT  
PENANCE  
SERVICE

If you are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Penance before Christmas, we will have a parish-wide Penance Service on Saturday, December 9, starting at 11am. Multiple priests will be

available at that service to assist with hearing confessions. Outside of this special Penance Service, confessions will be heard on Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon.

Other *nearby* locations for Advent confessions are:

- ✧ Thursday, November 30, 7pm at St. Edwin's (2105 Barcelona Road SW);
- ✧ Friday, December 1, from 5-7pm at San Martin de Porres (8301 Camino San Martin SW);
- ✧ Monday, December 4, 5:30pm at Holy Rosary (5415 Fortuna Road NW); and
- ✧ Tuesday, December 5, 7pm at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande (5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW).

Other locations will be announced once we have that information.

## Next Sunday's Readings

### The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 13:33-37*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Mass Intentions	
Sat., Nov. 25, Vigil of The <a href="#">Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</a>	
4pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, November 26, The <a href="#">Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</a>	
8am	+Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10:00am	For our unhoused Parishioners
12:30pm	Para la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, November 27, <a href="#">Monday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week</a>	
12:10pm	In Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother + Jerry Anaya - Anniversary + Emiliano, Alex & Sam Sanchez
Tuesday, November 28, <a href="#">Tuesday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week</a>	
7am	+Helen Wester, and +Eunice Libaire
Wed., November 29, <a href="#">Wednesday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week</a>	
12:10pm	For Blessings for the Crespín Family + Rafael and Marianita Leyba & Family + Jose and Elena Leyba and Family
Thurs., November 30, <a href="#">Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle</a>	
7am	For a Safe trip back for Jenny, James and Joseph Reichert, and for the Repose of the Soul of + Ruby Garcia
Friday, December 01, <a href="#">Friday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week</a> First Friday of the Month	
7:00am	+Helen Wester, and +Eunice Libaire
12:10pm	+Frances Gurule – Anniversary +Manuel T. Crespín – Anniversary +Jerry Hall - Birthday
Sat., December 02, <a href="#">Saturday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week</a>	
7am	+ Emma & Levi Montoya
Sat., December 02, Vigil of the <a href="#">First Sunday of Advent</a>	
4pm	+ John Gallegos, and + Sofia Baca
Sunday, December 03, <a href="#">First Sunday of Advent</a>	
8am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm	Por las Almas de los Sacerdotes en Purgatorio

## Upcoming Events

First Friday Devotions ~ This coming Friday is the First Friday of the Month.

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 scheduled from 11am to



Monthly Luncheon ~ December 21

Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month, on the third Thursday 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.



NORBERTINE COMMUNITY

&  
Immaculate Conception Church present

## Theology on Film



Parish Hall at  
Immaculate Conception Church  
619 Copper Avenue N.W.  
Second Thursday of every month  
Gathering, popcorn & pizza at 6:30 p.m.  
Film starting at 7:00 p.m.



The Norbertine Library Lecture Series Presents:

**Whither Catholic Education?**

**Faith, Mission, and Pedagogy in the 21st Century**

**Santa María de la Vid Abbey**

**Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7pm**

### Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council

We currently have two open positions on our Council. If you are an active member of the parish, at least 18-years of age, and are interested in serving as a member of the Council, please contact Fr. Steve, at [srosera@iccabq.org](mailto:srosera@iccabq.org). The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, in the rectory, from 6 to 7:00pm.

### Eucharistic Minister Meeting, December 2

Our quarterly meeting takes place this coming Saturday, December 02, at 11:00AM. Please attend if you are a Eucharistic Minister or would like to become one.

## Resources

If you are or know of any person living within our parish boundaries who needs rent or utility assistance, please have them contact our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 505-346-1500.



St. Vincent de Paul  
ASSISTANCE • SHELTER • HOPE

SSVDP assistance is available to everyone in need. They do not need to be registered parishioners or Catholic to qualify.

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### WE STREAM MASS ON YOUTUBE.

Find us at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpsBXhOrta8CPn\\_hjXEwcw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpsBXhOrta8CPn_hjXEwcw)



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



### 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](http://www.cabq.gov/albuquerque-family-advocacy-center). It lists many more resources.



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

Be the One to Help Save a Life.

We all can take action to prevent suicide.

For more information go to <https://bethe1to.com/>



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Weekly Financial Report for the week of November 9—November 15, 2023:

Income Including Online Giving	
Parish Support	
Non-Designated Donations	
Weekly Collection	\$10,688.00
Office, Candles, All Saints, Thanksgiving	712.00
Religious Education	00.00
<b>Non-Designated Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 11,400</b>
Designated Donations	
Francis House	20.00
Bread & Blessings	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	12.00
All Souls, Mission Sunday, ACA, CCHD	1,624.00
Rejuvenation Fund	669.00
St. Mary's School	30.00
<b>Designated Subtotal</b>	<b>2,365.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,765.00</b>

Expenses	
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 00.00
Religious Education	00.00
Ministries	00.00
School Support/Subsidies	00.00
Clergy Administration	00.00
Parish Administration	00.00
Building and Land Operations	6,035.61
<b>Designated Donations</b>	<b>2,365.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,670.61</b>

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL 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.*

## Thanksgiving Baskets.



Led by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, St. Mary's School collected 18 boxes filled with canned goods and food staples. A turkey and a roasting pan were also provided for a Thanksgiving meal.

The students made phone calls to Immaculate Conception's St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Anne's Catholic Church both of whom were grateful to receive the donations.

Finally, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders loaded the boxes

into the cars receiving many heartfelt thank yous. St. Anne's Church sent a lovely note, "in gratitude for the Thanksgiving boxes, we are offering mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm". Prayers are always welcome! Thank you!



## Ongoing Activities



### Weekend conversation starter --

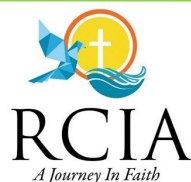
nametags. Look for the nametag tables as you enter the church for your weekend Mass. As a way of inviting a conversation with a stranger, put your first name on a nametag.

**If you are interested in knowing more about Sunday's TED Talk, which follows the 10am Mass, text Pat O'Meara at 505.944.5169.**

### Family Catechesis Meeting dates:

- ✧ Sunday, December 03 and 10
- ✧ Sunday, Dec. 17 Christmas Celebration
- ✧ Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31 ~ no classes.

For more information call Debbie Garcia at 505.385.8303 or Sr. Teresa at 505.249.2781.



Our RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets every Monday from 6 - 7:30pm in the Basement Parish Hall.

For more information, call Coordinator Lisa Trujillo at 505-977-1697.

### 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.

The Book Reading Group meets Wednesdays, 6 to 7pm. Our next meeting is on December 6, where we will begin to discuss Peter Slade, et al., eds., ***PEOPLE GET READY: Twelve Jesus-Haunted Misfits, Malcontents, and Dreamers in Pursuit of Justice***. The book (or Kindle version) is available from Amazon for \$6.00.



Lectors meet quarterly. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11am in the church. Spanish-speaking as well as English-speaking Lectors are needed.

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus are having a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Parents can pick up Entry Forms and poster paper at the back of Church beginning this weekend.



This contest is for kids, ages 5 to 14. Prizes will be given in three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14.

By engaging the talents of our youth, we hope they will more deeply understand the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

Read the entry form. Entries need to be turned in by Sunday, December 17, either to the Parish Office or with an usher who will give them to one of the Knights after Mass. If you have questions, call the KofC Grand Knight Bill Ewert at 505-264-9813.



Immaculate Conception's Council 15788 invites you to join the Knights. The Knights are looking for men to help our parish out today. Membership is free online through December 31. Go to [KofCorg/joinus](https://KofCorg/joinus), enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information.

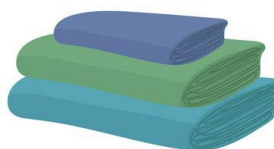
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### Catholic Daughters' Winter Blanket Drive



The Catholic Daughters are collecting new and slightly used (freshly laundered) blankets to be distributed to the unhoused members of our community. This collection will

occur every weekend until Sunday, December 10. A box is available in the front lobby of the church.



### Our Parish Mission Statement:

United by the love of Christ,  
Immaculate Conception Parish Community,  
a Jesuit-founded parish rooted in Ignatian Spirituality,  
commits itself to:

- live the Gospel values;
- celebrate the liturgy with joy;
- welcome without prejudice;
- seek God in everyone;
- serve our community

with special care for the poor and marginalized;  
and be a place of prayer and spiritual strength  
for everyone.



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## Volunteer Opportunities

### ESL Tutor needed for immigrant women.



Casa de las Comunidades needs a flexible volunteer who can help improve the language skills of women who have crying English language abilities. The work will help them to find work and fit more securely in the community. Volunteers must be available 2 hours a week, but can be set to accommodate your schedule. Please contact Juliete C'DeBaca (505) 610-5153 or email us at [comunidadescwh@gmail.com](mailto:comunidadescwh@gmail.com) for more information.



*St. Benedict Joseph Labre Ministry* serves the homeless and others in need with care packages that you 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.



### Congratulations to our Bread & Blessing Ministry on 15 Years of

service! This important ministry, which cares for the physical needs of those less fortunate than ourselves, celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Year of Service this past Wednesday. A special THANK YOU to Roberta Montoya who has so faithfully taken on the leadership of this ministry for most of these 15 years! *Bread & Blessing* provides lunch every Sunday for close to 200 of our unhoused parishioners and others living "on the edge." In addition, *Bread & Blessing* provides clothing, toiletries, water, coffee, and RESPECT for those who are disadvantaged. Thank you, Roberta and your team!

Altar Servers: If you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Contact Fr. Steve through the Parish Office or at [srosera@iccabq.org](mailto: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

Ministry: 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. When you take communion, take a bulletin so that they can follow what we are doing as a parish.



Our *Bread & Blessing* ministry is preparing to enter its fifteenth year of feeding the homeless and hungry. We provide sack lunches and bottled water to 100-150 guests every Sunday.

The generosity and support of several parishes who have partnered with us have been instrumental in meeting the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

When possible, this ministry also provides:

- ✧ seasonal women's and men's clothing including jeans, T-shirts, socks, comfortable walking shoes,
- ✧ hygiene products (not containing alcohol), and
- ✧ back packs.
- ✧ Dog food is also available.

Distribution is on Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Basement Hall.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, or have any questions please contact Coordinator Roberta Montoya at [robertacmontoya@gmail.com](mailto:robertacmontoya@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.

RECORDATORIO

El tema del próximo Domingo 03 de diciembre es el Adviento. Las familias harán sus coronas de adviento y serán bendecidas después de la misa de las 12:30.

FAMILIAS EN ACCION

Por el mes de Diciembre no tendremos nuestro convivio el primer Domingo del mes. Nos reuniremos el 17 de Diciembre para celebrar con una posada. ¡Acompáñenos a nuestra posada!



For the month of December we will not have our potluck on the first Sunday of the month. We will meet on December 17 to celebrate with a posada. Join us at our posada!



Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial, 505-247-4271, y pregunte por el padre Steve, para hacer planes para una boda, bautizo o funeral si el servicio es en inglés, si quiere sus servicios en espanol por favor comuníquese con la Hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781



Catequista Edna Noriega haciendo trabajos con los estudiantes del segundo grado.

**Nuestra Misión Parroquial**

Unidos por el amor de Cristo, Comunidad Parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción, una parroquia fundada por los Jesuitas y enraizada en la Espiritualidad Ignaciana, se compromete a: vivir los valores del Evangelio; celebrar la liturgia con alegría; acoger sin prejuicios; buscar a Dios en todos; servir a nuestra comunidad con especial atención a los pobres y marginados; y ser un lugar de oración y fortaleza espiritual para todos.



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.

*Recursos*

Si usted es o sabe de alguna persona que vive dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia que necesita asistencia con el alquiler o los servicios públicos, pídale que se comuniquen con nuestra Sociedad parroquial de San Vicente de Paúl al 505-346-1500.

La asistencia del SSVDP está disponible para todos los que la necesiten. No necesitan ser feligreses registrados o católicos para calificar.



Join us Dec. 8 and 9

# Finding Your Place in the Advent Story

*Advent Mission  
with  
Fr. Marcus Fryer SJ*



FR. MARC'S FIRST  
ASSIGNMENT  
AFTER BEING  
ORDAINED WAS  
AS ASSISTANT  
PASTOR AT ICC IN  
2017-18

## **FRIDAY, DEC. 8**

**5:30 MASS**

**6:30 MISSION**

*ADVENT ACTIVITY FOR  
CHILDREN GRADES 1-6*

## **SATURDAY, DEC. 9**

**11:00 PENANCE SERVICE WITH  
INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION**

**4:00 MASS**

**5:00 MISSION**

*DINNER WILL FOLLOW MISSION AT 6:30*

**Fr. Marc will preach at the 8, 10, & 12:30 Sunday Masses**