

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, O.L.V.M., and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordination of Faith Formation; and
- ✧ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 9am to 4pm.

619 Copper Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: ICCABQ.org

Morning Receptionist: Ken Cantwell

Afternoon Receptionist: Karime Ramirez

Holiday Office Schedule:

- ✧ Monday—Friday, Dec. 18-22 ~ Open, 9am to 4pm;
- ✧ Saturday—Tuesday, December 23-26 ~ Closed;
- ✧ Wed. —Friday, Dec. 27-29 ~ Open, 9am to 4pm;
- ✧ Saturday—Monday, Dec. 30-January 1, 2024 ~ Closed;
- ✧ Tuesday, January 2 ~ Open, 9am to 4pm.

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 COLLECTIONS

- ✧ December 16 & 17: St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- ✧ December 23 & 24, Renovations.
- ✧ January 6 & 7, St. Mary's School.

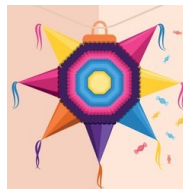
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ICCABQ.org

Happy Birthday, today, Sunday, December 17 to Pope Francis who is 87 years old.

Pope Francis also celebrated the 54th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 13.



FAMILIES IN ACTION



Join us TODAY, SUNDAY, December 17 to celebrate with a posada. Join us at our posada following the 12:30 Spanish Mass!

Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born.

The piñata used in Posadas is shaped like a seven-pointed star. Each point represents **the seven deadly sins that are broken as soon as María and José are granted a place to stay**. The piñata is normally filled with candy, and once it is fully broken, a prayer is said and the festivities begin.



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.

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

✠ Ramon Baca (a member of the 10:45 Mass Choir and Spanish Choir) has died. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 13 at Immaculate Conception, Tome.

✠ Josie Lopez. Rosary, Thursday, December 21, 9:30am, Immaculate Conception Church. Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, December 21, 10am, Immaculate Conception. Burial, Mt. Calvary, Thursday, December 21, 11:30am.

✠ Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have died in Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine.

Find Our Holiday Mass Schedules on page 3.

Next Sunday's Readings from **LOYOLAPRESS**.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent,
Cycle B
Sunday, December 24, 2023

Today's Readings

FIRST READING: *2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16*

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 89: 2-5, 27, 29*; A prayer of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant.

SECOND READING: *Romans 16: 25-27*

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 1: 26-38*; The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 16, Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent	
4pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent	
8am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	Tony Martinez ~ Birthday
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, Dec. 18, Monday of the Third Week of Advent	
12:10pm	To the Santo Niño for the Well Being of Donato Lucero + Sofia Baca + John Richard Ogilvie
Tuesday, Dec. 19, Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	
7am	+ Alfonso Manzanares ~ Anniversary + Grandparents of the Sullivans
Wed., Dec. 20, Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	
12:10pm	+ Helen Wester + Moises S. Zamora + Manuel Herrera ~ Repose of his Soul
Thursday, December 21, Thursday of the Third Week of Advent , Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church	
7am	+ Lilly Manzanares ~ Anniversary + Juanita Silva ~ Memorial + Grandparents of the Gauvins
Friday, December 22, Friday of the Third Week of Advent	
12:10pm	+ Erlinda Castellon
Saturday, December 23, Saturday of the Third Week of Advent , Saint John of Kanty, Priest	
7am	Sullivan Family ~ Conversion + Robert Santiago
Saturday, December 23, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4pm	+ Kenneth Perea & Jason Ulibarri + John Gallegos + Logie & Dennis Perea ~ Repose of their Souls
Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent	
8am	Erne Woodley ~ Birthday + Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	Por las Almas en Purgatorio

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 24, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. For this reason, we will have the following schedule:

- ❖ On Saturday, December 23: the regular 4pm Mass;
- ❖ On Sunday, December 24: the regular Sunday schedule with Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (Spanish);
- ❖ On Sunday, December 24, an 8pm Christmas Eve Mass.
- ❖ On Monday, December 25, we will have a regular Sunday schedule again with Masses at 8am, 10am and 12:30pm (Spanish).

Invariably people want to know if attending Mass on Christmas Eve satisfies the Christmas Day Mass obligation, or if attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day satisfies the Sunday Mass obligation. The answer to both of these questions is NO, and the reason for this is because the focus or the theme of the Masses, as well as all of the prayers and readings are very different.

For DECEMBER 31, THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, the regular Saturday Evening/Sunday Schedule applies.

For JANUARY 1, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, there will be only one Mass, at 12:10pm. January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States unless it falls on a Monday. This is so that attention is not taken away from the Sunday Mass, which is always the primary Mass of the week.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~ Our next Devotions will be on Friday, January 5, 2024.

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 scheduled from 11am to 12noon.

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION



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.



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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WATCH MASS ON FACEBOOK

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



WE STREAM MASS ON YOUTUBE.

Find us at 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. 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 DECEMBER 6—DECEMBER 12, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

PARISH SUPPORT

Non-Designated Donations

Weekly Collection \$ 9,162.50

Office, Candles, Flowers, IC Feast Day. ACA Rebate 5,793.00

Religious Education 00.00

Non-Designated Subtotal \$ 14,955.30

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

Francis House 20.00

Bread & Blessings 60.00

St. Vincent de Paul 238.00

Retired Religious Collection 1,365.00

Rejuvenation Fund 644.00

St. Mary's School 171.00

Designated Subtotal 2,498.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 17,456.50

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship \$ 1,050.00

Religious Education 00.00

Ministries 00.00

School Support/Subsidies 00.00

Clergy Administration 00.00

Utilities 00.00

Parish Administration 9,704.05

Building and Land Operations 00.00

Designated Donations 1,802.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 12,556.05

Designated and Non-Designated Donations: What's

the difference? Designated contributions are those contributions made for a specific purpose – for

example, a donation to Immaculate Conception Parish for St. Mary's School cannot be used for anything but the school, and a donation to the parish for Francis House can only be used for Francis House. Only non-designated donations can be used for any purpose (electricity, water, trash pickup, salaries, food, ... etc.). 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, Renovation Fund, and St. Mary's School categories as well as such ministries as Bread & Blessings, Francis House, St. Vincent de Paul, Casa de las Comunidades, Annual Catholic Appeal and others. Check out **the Online Giving** opportunities!



Advent

The Season of Advent was introduced by our 8th graders at a school assembly.

The 8th graders explained the meaning of the Advent wreath and led us in prayer. One of the goals of the 8th grade class (set by themselves) was to develop their leadership skills, recognizing that confidence allows them to move forward with people and opportunities. We are proud of the leadership of our 8th grade class. Rock on students!

If you are interested in St. Mary's

School for your family, give us a call at 505-242-6271 and we will happily schedule a tour.

*~by Carol Johansen,
Teacher & Parishioner*



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.



contributes 5% of your purchase to a local school of your choice whenever you shop with them. St. Mary's School ID with Office Depot is 70068725.

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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, Dec. 17: Christmas Celebration.
- ✧ Sundays, 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. We are now discussing 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 \$15.00.

Lectors meet quarterly. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11am in the church.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS meet quarterly; next on Saturday, March 2, at 11am in the church. You are invited to attend if you are a current Eucharistic Minister or would like to be part of this essential ministry. For more information, call the Parish Office.

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, enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information.
Code: BlessedMcGivney

Waiting in Joyful Hope

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

D. Todd Williamson is the Director of the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago. He has been involved in liturgical ministry and formation for over 15 years.

LOYOLA PRESS.

The Beauty of Stillness ~ During Advent, the Holy Family teaches us about the beauty of stillness. How stressful was it for Joseph during the journey to Bethlehem? As you reflect, how stressful is your life during this busy season leading up to Christmas? The beauty of stillness has the power to remind us about what matters most. From Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

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.

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 for more information.



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.

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.



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.

SUPPORTING OUR UNHOUSED PARISHIONERS.....

Immaculate Conception Parish has multiple ministries that support the homeless or unhoused members of our downtown community. In addition to Bread & Blessing, and *St. Benedict Labre Ministries*, we also have an active *St. Vincent de Paul* group, and the Parish Office staff daily feeds a number of unhoused individuals.

Lately, there appears to be a growing number of people panhandling (coming up to you in the parking lot or to your car asking you for money). While it might seem a charitable thing to do, it can also be a way of enabling inappropriate behavior, and for those who use the money they collect for alcohol or others drugs is actually contributing to their ill health.

The best thing to do is to let the person know that you cannot give them money. On Sundays, please just direct them to the Basement Parish Hall where they can receive a satisfying lunch at no charge. Other days of the week, please direct them to the Parish Office.

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 or call the Parish Office.



TEMA DEL CATECISMO: ADVIENTO

A las familias que no trajeron sus coronas de Adviento, se les invita a que las hagan y la tengan en sus casas. Se prende una vela cada Domingo de Adviento y se hace una pequeña oración con sus hijos.

Esta actividad es una buena preparación para la Navidad.



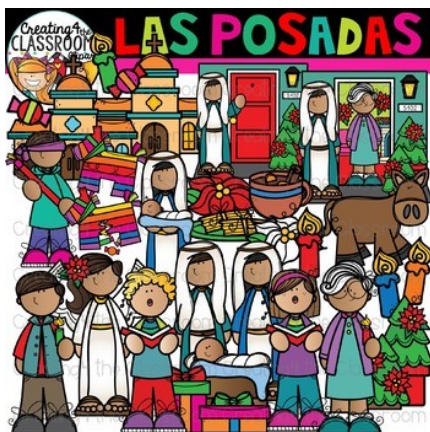
Recursos

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 comunique 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



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!



✠ **COMPARTIR A CRISTO** ✠
✠ **SERVIR A CRISTO** ✠



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 español por favor

comuníquese con la Hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781



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.



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.

Líneas de Crisis en Nuevo México
1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474) nmcrisisline.com

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.*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE

The Immaculate Conception conference room was overflowing with Christmas gifts for young children served by Catholic Charities. The gifts were picked up by a very appreciative Catholic Charities.

Thank you to all the parishioners who were able to participate. *The Giving Ornaments* were gone in no time.

Next year we may need a bigger tree.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Our Advent Mission

What a delight it was to see over 100 parishioners during our Advent Mission led by Father Marcus Fryer, S.J.

Thank you to all who were able to participate as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Father Marc was busy as he visited St. Mary's school, celebrated Mass, gave homilies, heard confessions and of course "reconnected with not just the people of the parish but the beauty of it" as well. Being back in Albuquerque brought him "so much joy."

We thank you, Father Marc, for sharing your valuable time and insight with all of us. Also, thank the members of our Pastoral Council who sponsored and organized the event.

A special parent's thank you to Carol Johannsen and Pilar Sanchez who worked with the elementary school kids who came to Saturday's 4pm Mass and Mission. They helped the kids make Jesse Trees and sent home an explanation of them.

And dinner was great!!



Fr. Marc celebrated the School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and spent time with St. Mary's students.



Fr. Marc with the kitchen crew: from left, Lisa Trujillo, Pilar Sanchez, Fr. Marc, Roberta Montoya, Anne Weiss, Fr. Steve Rosera, Dianne Dragoo, Rita Sanchez, and Carol Johannson.



Here are the current members of the our Pastoral Council:

- ✧ Lisa Trujillo, chairperson;
- ✧ James Torres, Finance Council representative,
- ✧ Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, SMS Representative
- ✧ Kevin Martinez,
- ✧ Carol Johansen,
- ✧ Roberta Montoya,
- ✧ Ann Weiss,

- ✧ Nestor Jose Gaitan Barberena,
- ✧ Rita Sanchez,
- ✧ Father Steve,
- ✧ Luke Wyatt, and
- ✧ Teresa Brito-Asenap.

Welcome to Luke and Teresa. They will join us for our January Meeting.

The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Parish Office, at 6:00pm.