

## 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](http://ICCABQ.org)

Morning Receptionist: Ken Cantwell

Afternoon Receptionist: Karime Ramirez

### Holiday Office Schedule:

- ✧ *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 23 & 24, Renovations.
- ✧ January 6 & 7, St. Mary's School.
- ✧ January 27 & 28, Renovations.

Online Giving  
is available at  
[ICCABQ.org](http://ICCABQ.org)

### 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:

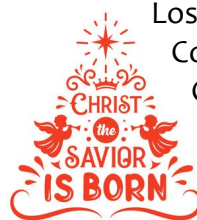
- ✧ On Saturday, December 23: the regular 4pm Mass;
- ✧ On Sunday, December 24: the regular Sunday schedule with Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (Spanish);
- ✧ On Sunday, December 24, an 8pm Christmas Eve Mass.
- ✧ On Monday, December 25, we will have a regular Sunday schedule again with Masses at 8am,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

The priests, deacons, and staff of Immaculate Conception Parish Community wish you and your family a meaningful Christmas season and a blessed New Year.



Los sacerdotes, diáconos y el personal de la Comunidad Parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción les desean a usted y a su familia una temporada navideña significativa y un bendito Año Nuevo.

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

✠ Jesus Valles-Rios (69). Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, December 26, 10am, at Immaculate Conception Church. Visitation at Family Funeral Home, Tuesday, December 26, afternoon. Cremation to follow. Burial TBA.

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



Readings from

LOYOLAPRESS.

- ❖ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) VIGIL MASS, Sunday, December 24, 2023: [Today's Readings](#)
- ❖ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS AT DAWN, Monday, December 25, 2023: [Today's Readings](#)
- ❖ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS DURING THE DAY, Monday, December 25, 2023: [Today's Readings](#)
- ❖ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, Cycle B, Sunday, December 31, 2023: [This Sunday's Readings](#)

FIRST READING: *Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3*; God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 105: 1-6, 8-9*: A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19* Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 2: 22-40*: Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, Dec. 23, Vigil of <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Advent</a>	
4pm	For the People of our Parish
Sunday, December 24, <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Advent</a>	
8am	Erne Woodley - Birthday + Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	Por las Almas en Purgatorio
Sun., Dec. 24, Vigil of <a href="#">The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</a>	
8pm	For the Priests & Deacons of our Parish
Monday, Dec. 25, <a href="#">The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</a>	
8am	For the People of our Parish
10am	
12:00pm Spanish	
Tuesday, Dec. 26, <a href="#">Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr</a>	
7am	Christmas Blessings for our Priests & Deacons + Gene Sandoval ~ Birthday + Ken Weiss
Wed., Dec. 27, <a href="#">Feast of St. John, Apostle and evangelist</a>	
12:10pm	Pilar Sanchez ~ Birthday + John Smith + Felix Casados
Thurs., Dec. 28, <a href="#">Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs</a>	
7am	To End Abortion, Euthanasia, & War + Alex & Virginia Sullivan + Dennis & Jeanette Gauvin
Friday, December 29, <a href="#">The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas</a> , Saint Thomas Beckett, bishop, martyr	
12:10pm	+ Mary E. Zamora + Manuel Herrera ~ Repose of his Soul + Tom P. Jaramillo
Sat., Dec. 30, <a href="#">The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</a>	
7am	Gauvin Family ~ Conversion
Saturday, Dec. 30, Vigil of <a href="#">Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</a>	
4pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of Michael & Pauline Salata's Family + John Gallegos
Sunday, Dec. 31, <a href="#">Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</a>	
8am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10am	For all Religious Ed Students, Families, & Teachers For the Living & Deceased Members of Victor & Jennie Garcia's Family
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia

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## Upcoming Events

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

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



MONTHLY LUNCHEON ~ JANUARY 18

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.

## 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**

~~ continued from page 2. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

## 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.

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



St. Vincent de Paul  
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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/>

### 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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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13—DECEMBER 19, 2023:

## INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Non-Designated Donations

Weekly Collection \$ 8,344.00

Office, Candles, Flowers, IC Feast Day. All Saints 1,357.39

Religious Education 00.00

Non-Designated Subtotal \$ 9,701.39

### DESIGNATED DONATIONS

Francis House 1,045.00

Bread & Blessings 948.00

St. Vincent de Paul 238.00

Retired Religious Collection 1,345.00

Rejuvenation Fund, ACA 2,251.00

St. Mary's School 85.00

Designated Subtotal 5,809.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 15,410.39

## EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship \$ 5,048.51

Religious Education 104.37

Ministries 1,237.38

School Support/Subsidies 1,500.00

Clergy Administration 3,964.34

Parish Administration 4,251.57

Building and Land Operations 9,122.74

Designated Donations 5,809.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 30,937.91\*

**\*EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES:** In the past seven days we had payroll to cover; day-to-day expenses; Christmas flowers (\$759.50); and some utilities. Utilities alone were \$3839.88, including (ABCWA: \$34.06; PNM: \$1,655.05; Phones and Internet: \$649.03; NM Gas: \$1501.74)

**Designated and Non-Designated Donations:** 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](http://www.iccabq.org) and click on **the Online Giving**.

## 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.*

Our Christmas prayer is for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth.

May your Christmas be filled with joy, love and laughter.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, it is truly a time to be grateful for everything we have. Most importantly, we thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

St. Mary's School is forever grateful for the prayers and support of Immaculate Conception Parish.



Merry Christmas!  
Faculty, Staff,  
and Students  
at St. Mary's School



**Office DEPOT**  
**OfficeMax**

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.

## Ongoing Activities

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.
- ✧ Sunday, Jan. 7 ~ regular 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.

For 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. Return to your seat for the Final Blessing. Take a bulletin so that they can stay informed.



## 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. Contact Juliette 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. For information, call Phyllis Ortiz at 505-231-5902.

*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](http://KofCorg/joinus), enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information.*



Code: BlessedMcGivney

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).



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, call Erne Woodley at 505-340-5292.

Our *Bread & Blessing* ministry provides sack lunches and bottled water to 100-150 guests every Sunday. 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 questions, contact Coordinator Roberta Montoya at [robertacmontoya@gmail.com](mailto:robertacmontoya@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.





FAMILIAS EN ACCIÓN, cuyo objetivo es promover el convivio y la comunidad parroquial.

El Domingo pasado Familias en Acción tuvo su primera posada. Queremos agradecer a todas las familias que asistieron y participaron ese día. Y también queremos agradecer a las coordinadoras que hicieron todo posible para poder tener esta celebración.

No habrá clases de Catecismo el 24 y el 31 de diciembre. Les recordamos a los papás y estudiantes que es importante asistir Misa todos los domingos aunque no tengamos clases de catecismo. Las clases comenzarán de nuevo el 7 de enero. Les deseamos a todos una feliz Navidad y un feliz Año Nuevo.



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.



## 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 o católicos para calificar.

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.

Lineas de Crisis en Nuevo México  
1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474) [nmcrisisline.com](http://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.*