



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:

- ✧ 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.

Our Pastoral Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 6pm.

For more information, contact Chairperson, Lisa Trujillo at 505-977-1697.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SCHEDULE

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *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.

Fr. Stephen Gaertner, O. Praem., offers a monthly series at ICC, Theology on Film.

The next Theology on Film will be Thursday, January 11, with the film: A River Runs Through It (1992): Directed by Robert Redford. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt, Brenda Blethyn. Two sons of a stern minister - one reserved, one rebellious - grow up in rural 1920s Montana while devoted to fly fishing. www.imdb.com Meet & Greet at 6:30pm ~ pizza and beverages will be provided. Movie at 7pm. This series is for young adults and up.

Join us in ICC's Basement Parish Hall, 619 Copper Avenue NW.



Lectors

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Online Giving
is available at
ICCABQ.org

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

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

Readings from



LOYOLAPRESS.

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: *Psalms 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.

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.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 30, Vigil of Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
4pm	Living & Deceased Members of Michael & Pauline Salata's Family + John Gallegos
Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
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
Monday, January 1, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God , Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord	
12:10pm	For the People of the Parish
Tues. Jan. 2, Memorial of Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church	
7am	Intention of Fr. Stephen Arabadjis
Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday , the Most Holy Day of Jesus	
12:10pm	Health of Adela Baldonado & Family Intention of Nancy Domenici + Sofia Baca
Thurs., Jan. 4, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
7am	For Unhoused Parishioners
Fri., Jan. 5, Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop	
7am	
12:10pm	+ John Smith + Gene Gilmore ~ 1 yr. Anniversary
Sat., Jan. 6, Christmas Weekday , St. Andre Bessette, Religious	
7am	+ Joe R. Zamora
Saturday, Jan. 7, Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord	
4pm	+ Robert & Naomi Santiago + Danny Lee Armijo ~ Repose of his Soul
Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	For the Intention of Fr. Rick Zerwas + Rena Arrigoni + Eric W. Best
12:30pm Spanish	Por las Almas en Purgatorio

Upcoming Events



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.

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

Lecture by Bro. Ernest Miller, F.C.S., D.Min.,
Vice President Emeritus, La Salle University

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2024:

SOLACE, INTEGRATION, AND RENEWAL

Friday, February 9, through Sunday, February 11, 2024

Open to all: interfaith, non-faith, atheists, agnostics, spiritualists, secular humanists and any curious "seekers."

Sara Jolena Wolcott, M. Div., Sequoia Samanvaya

Another year turns. Give yourself the gift of spaciousness as we fully enter 2024; to reflect on ecological changes, our collective well-being, and ways of integrating happenings and learnings over this past period of time. This includes integrating the experiences of the many shifts in our lives since February 2020.

Step away from the overwhelm and over-crowdedness. Slow down. Listening to God and to nature. Reflect on recent chaos in community. Pay attention to what is actually working. Much is demanded of us in these times. Integration is key to reducing overwhelm and enabling discernment. From spaciousness can arise a renewed spirit, healing, and different pathways into the future.

Through a variety of approaches, including circular calendars, small group exercises, discernment, worship, prayer, song, embodied ways of knowing, and time in the wilderness, we will together find patterns and integrative healing. Join us in courage, solace, and renewal.

- ❖ \$195 Registration fee includes all sessions and meals.
- ❖ For more information contact Fr. Stephen Gaertner, O. Praem. at sgaertner@norbertinecommunity.org
- ❖ Register online at norbertinecommunity.org/lunar-new-year/ or in the Abbey Office. To reserve an overnight room contact Patti Dailey at frontdesk@norbertinecommunity.org



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



Join us on
[myParish app.](#)

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/>

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 20—DECEMBER 26, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

PARISH SUPPORT

Non-Designated Donations	
Weekly Collection	\$ 7,822.00
Office, Candles, Flowers, IC Feast Day. All Saints	1,326.00
Christmas	4,112.25
Religious Education	00.00
Non-Designated Subtotal	\$ 13,260.25
DESIGNATED DONATIONS	
Francis House	1,120.00
Bread & Blessings	113.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,040.00
Retired Religious Collection	119.00
Rejuvenation Fund, Flowers	1,786.01
St. Mary's School, Missions	295.00
Designated Subtotal	4,473.01
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,733.26

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 100.00
Religious Education	00.00
Ministries	00.00
School Support/Subsidies	00.00
Clergy Administration	00.00
Parish Administration	1,990.36
Building and Land Operations	00.00
Designated Donations Expenses	4,473.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,563.37

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 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.



A Catholic School...

Preparing for the birth of Christ at St. Mary's School included: Weekly prayer assemblies led by our 8th graders, reenactment of our Lady of Guadalupe, confessions, weekly Mass, daily Advent Trivia Contest, acts of kindness manger, putting our shoes out for St. Nicolas, Christmas Program presented by grades jk-5, "A Journey to Bethlehem" presented by grades 6-8, Christmas Caroling, daily prayer, and many other classroom activities. **And** we had fun with pajama day, ugly sweater contest (judged by Father Steve), flannel shirt day, and a host of other fun happenings. We now look forward to 2024.



May the New Year bless all of us with joy, peace, health and God's goodness.

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*



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. 31 ~ no classes.
- ✧ Sunday, Jan. 7 ~ regular classes.

For more information call Debbie Garcia at 505.385.8303 or Sr. Teresa at 5.249.2781.



Prepare for upcoming saints and feast days.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/calendar/#apr>



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.



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 Juliete C'DeBaca (505) 610-5153 or email us at 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, enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information.



Code: BlessedMcGivney

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.



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 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

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.*