



## Welcome to our Parish Community!

### OUR PASTORAL TEAM

- ✧ Fr. Steve Rosera, Pastor;
- ✧ Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Fr. Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem., Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Fr. Evaristus Chukwu, Hospital Chaplain;
- ✧ Deacon Stephen Sais;
- ✧ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Emeritus;
- ✧ Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal, 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;
- ✧ Dianne Dragoo, Web Administrator.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 10am-3:30pm;

Saturday: 9am -4pm

619 Copper Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271

~ Website: [ICCABQ.org](http://ICCABQ.org) ~

Office Administrator: Karime Ramirez

### 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.

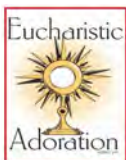
### NEXT SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- ❖ January 31 & February 1 ~ St. Mary's School

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~

Jesus is waiting for you. Consider giving him one hour on First Friday, February 6, after the 7am Mass until 11:45am Benediction. He is truly present in the Eucharist. The regularly scheduled 12:10pm Mass follows.

Confessions are scheduled from 11am to 12 noon.



Our February Burrito Sunday will take place on **February 8th**. We will offer our traditional Breakfast Burrito with Bacon and a Vegetarian option. On **February 15th**, instead of burritos, we will offer a special Valentine's fundraiser featuring bundles of **chocolate-covered strawberries** and **chocolate-dipped pretzels**.

Strawberries will be 3 for \$5, and pretzels will be \$2 each.



Our next Theology on Film movie will be screening of Triumph of the Heart. This is a 2025 film about St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM. Conv.

"In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis. As despair and fear grip the group, the pressures of starvation, internal ideological division, mount. But throughout, Kolbe's appeal to their shared humanity and Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments."

The film is not recommended for young children (due to the subject matter, strong language throughout, drug abuse, some strong violent content) and carries an NR rating.

### MONTHLY SAWMILL SOCIAL



On Thursday, February 19, parishioners will gather at the Sawmill Food Court for their monthly get together. All are welcome to join in, at 11:30am. Just pick up your lunch at your favorite Sawmill eatery and look for a table of ICC parishioners.

### 40 Cans for Lent -

Lent is just around the corner, and our annual **40 Cans for Lent** food drive will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th**. This year, we are introducing a new and simpler way to participate. **Specially labeled "KofC 40 Cans for Lent" bags** will be available in the back of the church each Sunday during Lent. We invite you to take a bag home, fill it with canned goods, and return it once completed. Filled bags may be brought back to the church or handed to any Knight wearing a **Blue Knights of Columbus vest** during weekday or Sunday Masses. **Sunday drop-off is preferred.**

We are excited to launch this improved approach and look forward to another generous and grace-filled Lenten season of giving. Thank you for helping us support those in need through this meaningful tradition.

Yours In Christ,  
Worthy Grand Knight,  
Sir Kenneth Anthony Pruitt- KofC #15788 ICC Life Director  
NM State Council

Next Sunday's Readings from **LOYOLA PRESS.**



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Cycle A  
February 08, 2026  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 58:7-10*

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 112:4-9*

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

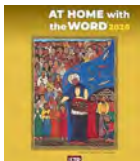
Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, January 31, Vigil of <a href="#">Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Francisco Hernandez ~ Anniversary
Sunday, February 01, <a href="#">Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>	
8am	Barbara Candelaria ~ Birthday
10am	For the Intention of Noah Jacob Chavez + Kristi Hartless + Alison Vigil
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, February 02, <a href="#">Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</a>	
12:10pm	+ Tommy Torres ~ Birthday + Leon Salazar ~ Repose of his Soul
Tues., February 03, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time</a> ; Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	
7am	Souls in Purgatory
Wed., February 04, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time</a>	
12:10pm	Thanksgiving to St. Jude For the Health of J.R. Crespin
Thursday, February 05, <a href="#">Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</a>	
7am	For the Unhoused Population
Friday, February 06, <a href="#">Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</a>	
7am	+ Dorothy Rosera ~ Birthday
12:10pm	+ Naomi & Robert Santiago + Alicia Lujan ~ 20th Anniversary
Sat., February 07, <a href="#">Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time</a>	
7am	Mario Baldonado & the well being of his Family
Saturday, February 07, Vigil of <a href="#">Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>	
4pm	Priscilla Hernandez ~ Birthday + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, February 08, <a href="#">Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	Jayden Valdez ~ Birthday + Bonnie Trujillo ~ Anniversary + Mike Vitale ~ Repose of his Soul
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Salud de Bernarda Medina Diaz

## 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. We use LTP's *At Home with the Word*, 2026.



### **Evening Bible Study**



In addition to our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study (at 2:30 pm in the rectory), Mr. Luke Wyatt, leads an evening bible study group at Immaculate Conception. If you are interested in this opportunity to study the Sacred Scriptures with your fellow parishioners, please come by! The group also meets on Wednesdays, at 6:00 PM, in the Campion Room (near the Parish Hall)

### **THE ICC PARISH BOOK GROUP**



The ICC Parish Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The group has begun to read Alvin Levi's "Theo of Golden". This is a 2023 novel which explores themes of kindness, wonder, and connection, and is described as a heartfelt, allegorical story about the power of small acts of generosity. The book is available for purchase or download on Amazon as well as other book sellers.

### **Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- ✧ February 01 ~ Regular Classes
- ✧ February 08 ~ Regular Classes

For more information call Debbie Garcia at (505) 385-8303 or Sr. Teresa at (505) 366-3878



### **Francis House needs your support**

- Our guest' most requested items are **socks and underwear**: If you are hosting a gathering please consider organizing a new sock and underwear drive to benefit Francis House

Other Wishlist Items:

- Your donations of gently used blankets
- Athletic shoes
- Men's winter coats
- Unisex sweatpants and men's jeans sizes 32, 34 and 36
- Tampons and pads are also greatly appreciated.



### **Substitute Soup and Sandwich Makers Needed**

We are looking for substitute soup and sandwich makers. If you are interested in helping o be a soup or sandwich substitute text Secretary Stella Lavis at (505) 448-5748.

Francis House is located at: 8016 A Zuni Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

You can contact them at (505) 489-8100

### **INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025**

#### **PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS**

Weekly Collections	\$ 40,521.00
Rental Income	3,300.00
All Souls Day	74.00
Candles	2,852.90
Casa de las Comunidades	516.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	32,010.63
Fees - Sacramental	1,295.00
Fee- Religious Ed	0.00
Francis House	7,910.00
Flowers and Mass Stipends	1,767.00
Pipe Organ Donation	25.00
Donation for Giving Tree	50.00
Donation for Sound System	13,416.83
Donation for new altar supplies	2,000.00
Bread & Blessings	848.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,594.00
Rejuvenation	2,158.00
St. Mary's School	3,888.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,883.00
Coffee Ministry	101.00
ACA Rebate	2,512.50
Articles for sale	21.00
ACA	305.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 119,049.86</b>

#### **DECEMBER 2025 EXPENSES**

Liturgy and Worship	3,743.76
Religious Education	3,844.28
School Support	11,522.14
Clergy Administration	5,214.09
Parish Administration	16,005.07
Mass Stipends paid	2,132.56
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	2,236.74
Building and Land Operations	14,196.95
New Sound System	12,724.70
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	1,904.02
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations	2,323.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 75,847.31</b>

**DISCOVER ST. MARY'S! SERVING PRE-K THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**We Welcome Your Family to Experience St. Mary's Catholic School!**

**Shadow Day**

Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 7:50am-3:00pm

Lunch included!

We invite students in Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade to join us for a special Shadow Day at Saint Mary's Catholic School!

This is the perfect opportunity for your child to experience firsthand the St. Mary's culture—a welcoming environment where faith, academic excellence, and character development come together. Discover how our school can provide a \*\*safe, well-structured, and academically challenging option for your family.

**Spaces are limited, so RSVP today!**

**Contact us at 505-242-6271**

**Email: [rsanchez@stmarys.me](mailto:rsanchez@stmarys.me)**

**Or Schedule a tour at [Stmarys.me](http://Stmarys.me)**

Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!



**Now Hiring at Saint Mary's Catholic School**

Saint Mary's Catholic School is growing, and we are excited to announce two job openings for the 2026–2027 school year:

**• Dual Language Upper Elementary Teacher**

We are looking for a passionate bilingual educator who believes in academic excellence, language immersion, and nurturing confident, compassionate learners.

If you or someone you know feels called to serve in a joyful, faith-filled school community, we would love to hear from you!

**Apply by emailing your resume to:**

[rsanchez@stmarys.me](mailto:rsanchez@stmarys.me)

**For more information, please contact our school office. 505-242-6271**

Come be part of a mission-driven team that enriches the world through Catholic teachings, academic excellence, and service.

*~ by Kristen Dickey - ICC parishioner and St. Mary's Advancement Director*

**Volunteer Opportunities at Mass**

Here are the volunteers who serve during Mass. If you are interested in any of these ministries, talk to the Sacristan after Mass or call the Parish Office for more information.

- ❖ Altar Servers: Deacon Stephen Sais, [ssais@iccabq.org](mailto:ssais@iccabq.org) or leave a message at the Parish Office.
- ❖ Gift Bearers; see ushers before Mass
- ❖ Communion to the Home Bound Ministry;
- ❖ Eucharistic Ministers;
- ❖ Lectors;
- ❖ Ushers (Hospitality Ministry): Anthony Carrillo [anthoneycarrillo@hotmail.com](mailto:anthoneycarrillo@hotmail.com): 505-350-9707

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- ✧ *Bread & Blessing* ministry ~ contact Coordinator Roberta Montoya at [robertacmontoya@gmail.com](mailto:robertacmontoya@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.
- ✧ *ESL Tutors* ~ contact Sr. Teresa at (505) 366-3878.
- ✧ *St. Benedict Joseph Labre Ministry* Ann Weiss (972) 653-2616
- ✧ *St. Vincent de Paul* ~ email Ben, president, at [bsnow44box@gmail.com](mailto:bsnow44box@gmail.com).
- ✧ *Francis House* asks for women's & men's underwear; men's pants, unisex sweatpants, shoes, warm beanies, gloves, jackets and blankets (not sheets). We also need soup and sandwich makers (call Stella (505) 448-5748)

**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.

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.



SUPPORTING OUR UNHOUSED PARISHIONERS

*Our 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, and the St. Vincent de Paul group, and the Parish Office staff daily feeds a number of unhoused individuals.*

*When people panhandle (come up to you asking for money), while it might seem a charitable thing to do, it can also be a way of enabling inappropriate behavior. For those who use the money they collect for alcohol or others drugs, It 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, just direct them to the Basement Parish Hall where they can receive a satisfying lunch at no charge from 8:30am-11:30am. On weekdays, direct them to the Parish Office during our office hours.*

Catholic Charities is seeking caring and safety-conscious volunteer drivers for our Senior Transportation Program, which provides free, reliable rides to adults 60+ in the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho metro areas.

Many seniors lack transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, banking and other essential errands. Our program bridges this gap, allowing older adults to remain independent and confident while getting where they need to go. By volunteering or helping us spread the word, you'll be empowering seniors to maintain their independence and quality of life.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors who need us most. Thank you for considering this important service and for all you do to strengthen our community.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact:

Anna Griffith  
Program Coordinator  
Senior Transportation Services  
505-724-4659 (direct line)  
505-402-0753 (cell) griffitha@ccasfnm.org

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.

Eucharistic Prayer II

For many a churchgoer, the "shorter is better" principle has made Eucharistic Prayer II the preferred heart of many a Mass. Impatient worshippers who finish singing the "Holy," and hear the words, "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness," know that it won't be long till the Great Amen. The Catholic Church uses ten different Eucharistic Prayers, but Prayer II remains most popular for its direct approach and brevity. For hundreds of years, our church offered only one Eucharistic Prayer, which earned the name "Roman Canon," since it was the "canon" or the one way of doing things. One of the most dramatic reforms of Vatican II (1962-1965) was to rename it Eucharistic Prayer I, and to add on several more prayers never before heard in Roman Catholic Churches. The first of these "new" prayers, Prayer II, is actually a rewrite of a very old one. The original version is in a document called the Apostolic Tradition, formerly attributed to Hippolytus, a priest, exile, antipope, martyr, and saint. There's hope for all of us!) The text, dating from about the third century, records a Eucharistic Prayer for any bishop who wondered how it was done. The expectation was that a bishop should be able to pray spontaneously, without a written text, but it supplied one in case the bishop needed help. The Apostolic Tradition thus became a forerunner of liturgical magazines that offer helpful suggestions to parishes. The version of this prayer that we use today makes a few changes. For example, the original third century prayer did not include a "Holy." We added one to lend uniformity to all our Eucharistic Prayers. That caused the insertion of a new transitional phrase, the one we hear before the story of the Last Supper begins. For clarity, we also rewrote the intercessions at the end of the prayer, which pray for the church, the deceased and the living, while praising the glory of Mary and the saints. Prayer II offers us much more than brevity. It offers antiquity. To pray it is to repeat prayers that have been part of our tradition from the very beginning. It introduces us to the communion that is ours in faith, with Christ, and with our ancestors.

*Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: The Mass  
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If you have CELIAC DISEASE and are unable to consume a whole-wheat host at Communion, go to the Sacristy before Mass to meet the priest presider and the sacristan. We have low-gluten hosts if desired. Or you can receive from the cup only. If receiving from the cup only, don't come to the Sacristy, just receive at the usual time.



*Faith Formation*  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 01 de Febrero ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 08 de Febrero ~ Clases Regulares

Para más información, llame a Debbie García al (505) 385-8303 o a la Hermana Teresa al (505) 366-3878

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (505) 247-4271 y pregunte por el Padre Steve para hacer planes para un bautizo, una boda o un funeral.



Francis House necesita tu apoyo.

Los artículos más solicitados por nuestros huéspedes son calcetines y ropa interior. Si organizas una reunión, considera organizar una colecta de calcetines y ropa interior nuevos para beneficiar a Francis House.

Otros artículos de la lista de deseos:

- Donaciones de mantas en buen estado.
- Calzado deportivo.
- Abrigos de invierno para hombre.
- Pantalones deportivos unisex y pantalones para hombre tallas 32, 34 y 36.
- También agradecemos enormemente los tampones y las toallas sanitarias.



**Se necesitan personas que preparen sopas y sándwiches.**

Buscamos personas que preparen sopas y sándwiches. Si te interesa ayudar como sustituto de sopas o sándwiches, envía un mensaje de texto a la secretaria Stella La-vis al (505) 448-5748.

Francis House está ubicado en: 8016 A Zuni Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108  
Comuníquese al (505) 489-8100

Evangelización ICA  
Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque

AGAPE!

AGAPE: Un encuentro semanal los Jueves de 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

unidos en un proceso de formación católica, fomentando la unidad y la hermandad en el amor cristiano a través de la alabanza, la oración y la caridad, apoyados en el Magisterio de la Iglesia, la tradición Apostólica y la Bendita Palabra de Dios.

Si vives por el área y no tienes comunidad, te invitamos todos los jueves en el templo de la parroquia. Para mas información por favor comuníquese con Ana Araujo (505) 524-7236

### Devociones del primer viernes ~

Jesús te está esperando. Considere darle una hora el primer viernes, 02 de enero, después de la misa de las 7 a. m. hasta la bendición de las 11:45 a. m. Él está verdaderamente presente en la Eucaristía.

Sigue la misa programada regularmente a las 12:10 p.m.

Las confesiones están programadas de 11 am a 12pm.



Nuestro Domingo de Burritos de febrero será el 8 de febrero. Y el 15 de febrero, en lugar de burritos, ofreceremos una recaudación de fondos especial de San Valentín con paquetes de fresas cubiertas de chocolate y pretzels bañados en chocolate.

Las fresas costarán 3 por \$5, y los pretzels, \$2 cada uno.



### 40 Latas para la Cuaresma

La Cuaresma está a la vuelta de la esquina, y nuestra colecta anual de alimentos "40 Latas para la Cuaresma" comenzará el Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero. Este año, presentamos una forma nueva y más sencilla de participar. Bolsas especialmente etiquetadas como "40 Latas para la Cuaresma de los Caballeros de Colón" estarán disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia todos los domingos de Cuaresma. Los invitamos a llevarse una bolsa a casa, llenarla con alimentos enlatados y devolverla una vez llena. Las bolsas llenas pueden devolverse a la iglesia o entregarse a cualquier Caballero que lleve el chaleco azul de los Caballeros de Colón durante las misas entre semana o dominicales. Se prefiere entregarlas los domingos. Nos entusiasma lanzar esta iniciativa mejorada y esperamos con ansias otra temporada de Cuaresma generosa y llena de gracia. Gracias por ayudarnos a apoyar a los necesitados a través de esta significativa tradición.

Suyo en Cristo, Digno Gran Caballero, Sir Kenneth Anthony Pruitt- KofC #15788 Director Vitalicio de la ICC Consejo de Estado de Nuevo México

### 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.*