



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, OLVM, and Debbie Garcia, Co-ordinators 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 ~

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:

- ✦ February 21 & 22 ~ Renovation

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

+Oliver Tapia: Rosary will be prayed on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Burial at a later date.

+Vivian Dyer: Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, February 26 at 10:00am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- ✦ Monday February 16, Presidents Day



Parking Problems?

The City is cracking down on illegal parking around the parish! One of our regular parishioners got a \$35 PARKING TICKET last week, parking in the lot on Tijeras Street on the other side of the school! Park in a safe space, and you can contribute that \$35 to ACA! There may be more!



Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18. Lent Services, in addition to our regularly scheduled Masses and First Friday Devotion. Go to pages 6 & 7 for more of our schedule for Lent: **Immaculate Conception Parish Community's Journey through Lent to Resurrection**

Our February Burrito Sunday will take place on **February 15th**. We will offer our traditional Breakfast Burrito with Bacon and a Vegetarian option.



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.

It's Fiesta planning time! Join us for our first Fiesta Planning Committee meeting on Thursday February 19, 2026 from 6:00-7:00pm in the church basement. If you'd like to be part of the team that makes Fiesta happen, we'd love to have you! Come share your ideas and help us get started.

Have questions? Please call the Parish office
Let's make this the best Fiesta yet!



ACTS is coming to Immaculate Conception Parish! What is ACTS? ACTS is a program of spiritual renewal and growth for adults. It draws its name from the 4 pillars of the program: Adoration, Community, Theology, Service. If you have made an ACTS retreat, or know of someone who has, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Fr. Steve at the Parish Office. If you have not made an ACTS retreat yet but are interested, please let Fr. Steve know as well

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



First Sunday of Lent Cycle A
February 22, 2026
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17*

A prayer for mercy

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12,17-19)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

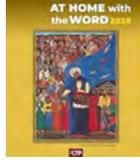
As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, February 14, Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	Andrew Roy ~ Health + David B. Jaramillo + Jim Pierson ~ Repose of his Soul
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	+ Vicente Medina ~ Aniversario
Monday, February 16, Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	
12:10pm	Eli, Josephine & Children Garcia + Shirley Sanchez + Mario & Socorro Narro
Tues., February 17, Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time : The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
7am	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & Mary
Wed., February 18, Ash Wednesday	
7:00am	For all Deceased
12:10pm	Thanksgiving to Rita Sanchez Robert Gonzales ~ Health + Jonathan Sofia Baca
6:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Thursday, February 19, Thursday after Ash Wednesday	
7am	Christopher Valdez ~ Birthday
Friday, February 20, Friday after Ash Wednesday	
12:10pm	Ocean Martinez ~ Birthday + Ben Armijo + Jesus & Emma Miranda
Sat., February 21, Saturday after Ash Wednesday ; Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
7am	Mario Baldonado & the well being of his Family
Saturday, February 21, Vigil of First Sunday of Lent	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent	
8am	Thanksgiving to Saint Jude + Robert Mendoza
10am	+ Trinidad, Maria & Isabel Miranda + Richard, Adela & Robert Narro + Lupe, Juan & Fernando De La Paz
12:30pm Spanish	Por lo Gente de Nuestra Parroquia

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 15 ~ NO Classes
- ✧ February 22 ~ 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 JANUARY 2026

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PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS	
Weekly Collections	\$ 50,187.00
Rental Income	3,300.00
Candles	3,555.50
Knights of Columbus	20.00
Interest on Accounts at NDFCU	2.80
Casa de las Comunidades	1,110.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	8,494.63
Fees - Sacramental	950.00
Fee- Religious Ed	30.00
Francis House	2,140.00
Flowers and Mass Stipends	1,790.00
Donation for Youth Ministry	5,000.00
Bread & Blessings	390.00
St. Vincent de Paul	3,248.00
Rejuvenation	5,948.00
St. Mary's School	2,315.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,053.00
Coffee Ministry	100.00
ACA Rebate	4,428.50
Articles for sale	7.00
ACA	205.50
Total Income	\$ 94,274.93
JANUARY 2026 EXPENSES	
Liturgy and Worship	4,447.76
Religious Education	1,096.09
School Support	4,464.43
Clergy Administration	4,924.05
Parish Administration	9,281.38
Mass Stipends paid	0.00
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Building and Land Operations	9,664.35
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	2,033.97
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations	2,888.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 39,918.40

DISCOVER ST. MARY'S! SERVING PRE-K THROUGH 8TH 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

Or Schedule a tour at 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

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 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: 505-350-9707

Volunteer Opportunities

- ❖ *Bread & Blessing* ministry ~ contact Coordinator Roberta Montoya at 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.
- ❖ *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)

Lenten Retreat 2026 Mercy: Finding God In The Middle of the Mess:

This Lenten retreat invites us to enter the merc of God for this 2026 journey of Lent/Easter/Pentecost. We will lay burdens down in forgiveness and healing resentments. We make amends praying mercy on the earth and its people We pray together that God help us discover where we must go and what we must do.

Date and Time: Saturday, February 21 from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Location: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Santa Fe, NM
To register contact: Sr. Paula, musicwrit7@gmail.com, 505-670-0240.

THIS RETREAT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST VIA ZOOM

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Date and Time: Wednesday, February 25 from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Location: Santa Maria de la Paz Parish, Santa Fe, NM
To register contact: Sr. Paula, musicwrit7@gmail.com, 505-670-0240.

THIS RETREAT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST VIA ZOOM

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



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.

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank you for your generosity in the Love Thy Neighbor bake sale. We were able to raise 450 dollars. As always, thanks for your continued support.



Lent

Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is more important. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The Resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the Church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent. For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time, we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world, and our desire to better the lives of others. For the elect, those preparing for Baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate Baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment, and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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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.





Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 15 de Febrero ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 22 de Febrero ~ Clases Regulares

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

Nuestro Domingo de Burritos de febrero será el 15 de febrero. Ofreceremos nuestro tradicional Burrito de Desayuno con Tocino y una opción Vegetariana.



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, fomentado 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

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

Miércoles de Ceniza

El miércoles 18 de febrero es Miércoles de Ceniza, día de ayuno y abstinencia en la Iglesia Católica.

Tendremos misa y distribución de ceniza a las 7:00 a. m., 12:10 p. m. y 6:00 p. m.



La Cuaresma comienza el miércoles 18 de febrero. Los servicios de Cuaresma, además de nuestras misas regulares y la devoción del Primer Viernes, incluirán el Vía Crucis todos los viernes de Cuaresma, a partir de las 6 p. m. Después, habrá una comida sencilla sin carne.

Evangelización ICA te invita a tu Segundo Encuentro con Jesús

Retiro SILOE- Segundo Encuentro con Jesús

Te has sentido cansado en tu camino de fe?

La rutina, los obstáculos o las dificultades han enfriado tu corazón?

Has perdido el primer amor y pensado en dejarlo todo?

Este retiro es para ti!

El retiro SILOE es una oportunidad para renovar tu fe y vivir un Segundo encuentro con Jesús, que sane, fortalezca y reavive tu amor por El.

Fecha: Sábado 28 de Febrero

Horario: 8:00am- 7:00pm

Lugar: Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción



Información e inscripciones:

Gloria Ortiz (505) 835-4478

Ana Araujo (505) 524-7236

Juan Araujo (505) 908-4018

Oficina Parroquial (505) 247-4271

No Camines solo. Jesús te espera para un nuevo comienzo

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish Community's Journey through Lent to Resurrection

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence (abstain from eating meat) for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to another full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Church are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

Lent at Immaculate Conception Parish

•Wed., 2/18, **Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes** at: 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:00 PM

•Fri., 2/20, 6:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper

•Sun., 2/22, 3:00 PM, **Rite of Election**, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

•Fri., 2/27, 6:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper:

•**First Friday of March, 3/6:**

•Mass, 7:00 AM

•Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 AM to 11:45 AM

•Benediction, 11:45 AM

•Mass, 12:10 PM

•Stations of the Cross, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper, 6:00 PM

•Sat., 3/7, 4:00 PM Mass, **First Scrutiny of the Elect**

•Mon., 3/9, 6:00 PM, **Holy Rosary Parish, Penance Service**, 5415 Fortuna Road NW, Albuquerque

•Thurs., 3/12, 6:30 PM, **Theology on Film**

•Fri., 3/13, 6:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper

•Sun., 3/15, 8:00 AM, **Second Scrutiny of the Elect**

•Fri., 3/20, 6:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper

•Sat., 3/21, 11:00 AM, **Immaculate Conception Parish Penance Service**

•Sun., 3/22, 10:00 AM, **Third Scrutiny of the Elect**

•Thu., 3/26, 5:00 PM, **Chrism Mass**, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

•Fri., 3/27, 6:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper

•Sat., 3/28, 4:00 PM **Vigil Mass of Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday**

The
Season
of
Lent



•Sun., 3/29, **Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday.**

Palms will be distributed at all Masses, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)

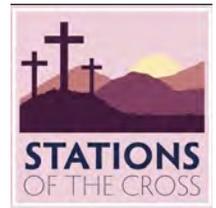
•Thu., 4/2, 7:00 PM, **Holy Thursday Mass**; Adoration following after Mass until midnight.

•Fri., 4/3, 3:00 PM, **Good Friday Service**

•Sat., 4/4, 8:00 PM, **Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**

•Sun., 4/5, **Easter Day!** Masses at: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM.

On Friday February 20th we will pray our first Stations of the Cross. Stations begin at 6pm and are followed by a meatless potluck in the basement Parish Hall. Please join us for the evening of Stations of the Cross. This week, Stations and the meal following will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



A Community & Fundraising Event
St. John's Methodist Church invites you to join them every Friday during Lent from 4pm-7pm for a meatless meal.

All meals include an Entrée, sides, drinks and dessert \$20 per person (2 pieces of fish or 4 chicken strips, choice of 3 sides)

\$9 per child 10 and under (1 piece of fish or 2 chicken strips, choice of 2 sides)

No Reservations Required!

Reserved tables are available for groups of 6 or more
Gluten Free Option Available

Located at 2626 Arizona St. NE 87110

For more information contact the Church
(505) 883-9717 or on web: www.stjohns-abq.org

***Listening and Fasting:
Lent as a Time of Conversion***

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (*Ex 3:7*). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

Together

Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3).

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey. From the Vatican, 5 February 2026, Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

~ LEO PP. XIV

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***Escuchar y ayunar.
La Cuaresma como tiempo de conversión***

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

La Cuaresma es el tiempo en el que la Iglesia, con solicitud maternal, nos invita a poner de nuevo el misterio de Dios en el centro de nuestra vida, para que nuestra fe recobre su impulso y el corazón no se disperse entre las inquietudes y distracciones cotidianas.

Todo camino de conversión comienza cuando nos dejamos alcanzar por la Palabra y la acogemos con docilidad de espíritu. Existe, por tanto, un vínculo entre el don de la Palabra de Dios, el espacio de hospitalidad que le ofrecemos y la transformación que ella realiza. Por eso, el itinerario cuaresmal se convierte en una ocasión propicia para escuchar la voz del Señor y renovar la decisión de seguir a Cristo, recorriendo con Él el camino que sube a Jerusalén, donde se cumple el misterio de su pasión, muerte y resurrección.

Escuchar

Este año me gustaría llamar la atención, en primer lugar, sobre la importancia de dar espacio a la Palabra a través de la *escucha*, ya que la disposición a escuchar es el primer signo con el que se manifiesta el deseo de entrar en relación con el otro.

Dios mismo, al revelarse a Moisés desde la zarza ardiente, muestra que la escucha es un rasgo distintivo de su ser: «Yo he visto la opresión de mi pueblo, que está en Egipto, y he oído los gritos de dolor» (*Ex 3,7*). La escucha del clamor de los oprimidos es el comienzo de una historia de liberación, en la que el Señor involucra también a Moisés, enviándolo a abrir un camino de salvación para sus hijos reducidos a la esclavitud.

Ayunar

Si la Cuaresma es tiempo de escucha, el *ayuno* constituye una práctica concreta que dispone a la acogida de la Palabra de Dios. La abstinencia de alimento, en efecto, es un ejercicio ascético antiquísimo e insustituible en el camino de la conversión. Precisamente porque implica al cuerpo, hace más evidente aquello de lo que tenemos "hambre" y lo que consideramos esencial para nuestro sustento. Sirve, por tanto, para discernir y ordenar los "apetitos", para mantener despierta el hambre y la sed de justicia, sustrayéndola de la resignación, educarla para que se convierta en oración y responsabilidad hacia el prójimo.

Juntos

Por último, la Cuaresma pone de relieve la dimensión comunitaria de la escucha de la Palabra y de la práctica del ayuno. También la Escritura subraya este aspecto de muchas maneras. Por ejemplo, cuando narra en el libro de Nehemías que el pueblo se reunió para escuchar la lectura pública del libro de la Ley y, practicando el ayuno, se dispuso a la confesión de fe y a la adoración, con el fin de renovar la alianza con Dios (cf. *Ne 9,1-3*).

Los bendigo de corazón a todos ustedes, y a su camino cuaresmal. Vaticano, 5 de febrero de 2026, memoria de santa Águeda, virgen y mártir.

~ LEÓN XIV PP.

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