

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 Drago, 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:

- ❖ March 28 & 29 ~ Renovation

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

+Carlos Griego: Rosary will be prayed on Sunday March 22 at 4:00pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, March 23 at 10:00am

+Albert Narro: Rosary will be prayed on Saturday March 28 at 9am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 am.



LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Go to pages 6 & 7 for more of our schedule for Lent: **Immaculate Conception Parish Community's Journey through Lent to Resurrection**

Archbishop Wester invites you to join him and the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, at 5:30p.m. This Mass will be followed by a light reception in Crispin Hall.

The Basilica doors will open at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Deanery C High School Youth Ministry

MOVIE Night

Monday, March 30th
5:30 - 9:00pm

St. Ann Catholic Church
1400 Arenal Rd SW

Food provided

Parents are welcome

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The ICC Parish Calendar is now available to all parishioners. This calendar includes all mass times as well as any special and important dates throughout the year. We encourage everyone to take a look and stay informed. Please check it out on our website under the "Parish Life" tab on the top of the page.

If you suspect or have knowledge of abuse by a priest, deacon, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report this immediately to local law enforcement and to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Child and Youth Protection (Annette Klimka, Safe Environment Coordinator) aklimka@asfnm.org | 505.831.8144

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



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion,
Cycle A
March 29, 2026
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

Gospel at the Procession with Palms; *Matthew 21:1-11*

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 22:8-9,17-20,23-24*

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:14—27:66*

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.
(shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

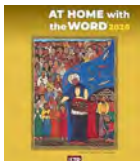
Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss ~ *Continued on Page 5~ top of second column*

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, March 21, Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Rosie LeMaster + Jose J. Romero
Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	Prayers for Daniel Sanchez & all Military members deployed over seas + Roland Soto + Rosalie Trujillo DeHerrera
12:30pm Spanish	+ Luis Adán Rascón ~ 7mo mes + Emilio Rascón ~ 30 años
Monday, March 23, Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent : Saint Turius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	
12:10pm	For the Health of Pilar Sanchez + Criselda Nieto ~ Birthday
Tues., March 24, Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	
7am	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony For the Intention of the Martinez & Lucero Family For the Intention of the Sanchez Family
Wed., March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	
12:10pm	For the Strength of Raymond Gallegos' Family + John Richard Ogilvie ~ Birthday + Raymond Gallegos
Thursday, March 26, Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent	
7am	+ Sam & Ethel Lennox + Margaret DeHerrera
Friday, March 27, Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	
12:10pm	For the Intention of Betty Sanchez For the Recovery from Surgery of Anita Tapia + John Fitzpatrick ~ Anniversary
Sat., March 28, Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent	
7am	Mario Baldonado & the well being of his Family
Saturday, March 28, Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Isaac Brown ~ Anniversary + Robert Mendoza ~ Birthday
Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
8am	Slade Martinez ~ Birthday
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Salud de Andrea Nájera

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

Evening Bible Study to The Wednesday Evening Bible Study Group is taking a break until after Pentecost, May 24. Please refer to the Pentecost bulletin for news about this Bible Study starting up again.

THE ICC PARISH BOOK GROUP



The ICC Parish Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The group will begin to read *Rain of Gold*, by Victor Villasenor (2015) on Wednesday,

April 8. *Rain of Gold* by Victor Villaseñor is a bestselling, epic family saga that tells the true story of his Mexican-American parents, Juan and Lupe, and their families, chronicling their lives during the Mexican Revolution and their subsequent immigration to California. The book blends history, romance, and mysticism, detailing their struggles with poverty, prejudice, and the pursuit of the American Dream, and is celebrated for its vivid storytelling and cultural richness..

Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- ✦ March 22 ~ Regular Classes
- ✦ March 29 ~ Regular Classes

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



A Special Welcome to Our Littlest Members

Children and babies are always welcome in our church. Your child's "joyful noise" is a reminder that our church family is alive and well. We want our kids to grow up knowing that Immaculate Conception is their home, too. We do not have a cry room, but we do have a small "library" of books that you will find in the back of the church during week-end Masses. Please feel free to select a book and when Mass is over return it for another child to read. Thank you for the hard work it takes to get the whole family to church!



A Lenten Prayer

Jesus, open my ears to hear your voice amid life's tumult and noise.
 May my heart and mind be stilled to know the depths of your love for me.
 In turn, help me listen to and deeply love my neighbors—those known to me and those you send into my path.
 I love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.
 Amen. ~ Excerpted from [Jesus Every Day, Jesus Every Way](#)

INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026	
PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS	
Weekly Collections	\$ 42,579.75
Rental Income	3,300.00
Candles	3,575.00
Interest on Accounts at NDFCU	7.88
Casa de las Comunidades	101.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	2,773.54
Fees - Sacramental	1,300.00
Francis House	2,250.00
Mass Stipends	519.00
Bread & Blessings	1,387.00
St. Vincent de Paul	987.00
Rejuvenation	11,720.00
St. Mary's School	2,079.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,150.00
Coffee Ministry	210.00
ACA	580.50
Total Income	\$ 74,519.67
FEBRUARY 2026 EXPENSES	
Liturgy and Worship	3,449.18
Religious Education	2,122.66
School Support	3,333.34
Clergy Administration	4,924.05
Parish Administration	8,041.43
Mass Stipends paid	0.00
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Organ Repair Payment	11,638.94
Building and Land Operations	8,136.28
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	1,729.27
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations	2,270.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 46,763.52



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

Now Hiring at Saint Mary's Catholic School We are growing, and are excited to announce job openings for the 2026-2027 school year: If you or someone you know feels called to serve in a joyful, faith-filled school community, we would love to hear from you! Visit stmarys.me and apply by emailing your resume to: rsanchez@stmarys.me For more information, please contact our School Office, 505-242-6271.



~ by Kristen Dickey ~
ICC parishioner &
SMS Advancement Director



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KATHERINE GESSING
Katherine is a wonderful example of what it means to grow in faith, knowledge, and character at St. Mary's. Known by her classmates and teachers as **funny, smart, and kind**, Katherine brings joy and positivity to our school community every day. For Katherine, attending St. Mary's has meant deepening her **Catholic faith**. Her family's faith life has grown stronger, and her Mom was inspired to complete OCIA and become Catholic as well. This journey has made Katherine especially grateful for the opportunity to grow spiritually and celebrate her faith proudly. This year, she is also celebrating an important milestone as she prepares for **Confirmation as an 8th grader**, recognizing how God has guided her along the way. Academically, Katherine takes great pride in the strong education she has received at St. Mary's.

She enjoys challenging electives, competing in math competitions, and developing strong academic skills. One accomplishment she is particularly proud of learning how to write **creative, polished essays** that express her ideas clearly and thoughtfully. Outside the classroom, Katherine enjoys **playing volleyball, creating art, and listening to music**. She encourages younger students to stay organized, never procrastinate on assignments, and always ask questions when they need help. Looking ahead, Katherine is excited to build new friendships and continue growing into the person she hopes to be — **hardworking, intelligent, kind, and God-fearing**.

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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)

Mass Intention Scheduling & Offering Information

To schedule a Mass intention, please call or email the Parish Office to check availability for your desired date. We ask that you contact us at least one week in advance so the intention can be announced before Mass and published in the bulletin on your selected date.

If you plan to submit your offering online through OSV Hub, you must still call or email the Parish Office to confirm that your requested date is available.

Please note:

- We can accommodate **up to three intentions per Mass**.
- Each Sunday Mass alternates with an intention for the **People of the Parish**. When a Mass is designated for the People of the Parish, no other intentions may be scheduled for that Mass.

When arranging a Mass intention, please indicate whether the person is living or deceased. You may also specify how you would like the intention listed, such as: *First and Last Name – Repose of the Soul, Anniversary, Birthday, Health, Healing, etc.*

The suggested offering is **\$10 per intention**. Offering may be made in person at the Parish Office, by mail, or online. We accept cash, check, card, and money orders.

~ Continued from page 4, KATHERINE GESSING
When she reflects on the St. Mary's community, she says it feels like a family united by God, where everyone supports and cares for one another. When Katherine graduates, she hopes St. Mary's will remember her as bold, smart, and faithful. We are proud to celebrate Katherine and the many ways she contributes to our school community.

Palm Sunday Commemoration

The opening of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part. This opening is called "The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem." The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord. The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes. The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.

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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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the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 22 de Marzo ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 29 de Marzo ~ Clases Regulares

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

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.

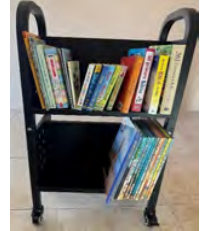
Suyo en Cristo, Digno Gran Caballero,
Sir Kenneth Anthony Pruitt- KofC #15788
Director Vitalicio de la ICC Consejo de Estado de Nuevo México



El viernes 27 de marzo celebraremos la ÚLTIMA noche del Vía Crucis. Nuestras estaciones bilingües comienzan a las 6pm, seguidas de una comida compartida sin carne en el sótano del salón parroquial. Les invitamos a acompañarnos en esta velada del Vía Crucis. Esta semana, el Vía Crucis y la comida posterior estarán a cargo de Familias en Acción.

Una bienvenida especial a nuestros pequeños

Los niños y bebés siempre son bienvenidos en nuestra iglesia. El alegre sonido de su hijo nos recuerda que nuestra familia parroquial está viva y sana. Queremos que nuestros hijos crezcan sabiendo que la Inmaculada Concepción también es su hogar. No tenemos una sala de llanto, pero sí tenemos una pequeña biblioteca de libros que encontrarán en la parte trasera de la iglesia durante las misas de fin de semana. Siéntanse libres de elegir un libro y, al terminar la misa, devuélvanlo para que otro niño lo lea. ¡Gracias por el esfuerzo que supone que toda la familia venga a la iglesia!



Si sospecha o tiene conocimiento de abuso por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia Católica, infórmelo inmediatamente a la policía local y a la Oficina de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe (Annette Klimka, Coordinadora de Ambiente Seguro aklimka@asfnm.org | 505.831.8144

Información sobre la programación y la donación de intenciones de misa

Para programar una intención de misa, llame a la Oficina Parroquial para consultar la disponibilidad en la fecha deseada. Le pedimos que se comunique con nosotros con al menos una semana de anticipación para que podamos anunciar la intención antes de la misa y publicarla en el boletín de la fecha seleccionada.

Si planea realizar la donación en línea a través de OSV Hub, debe llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para confirmar la disponibilidad de la fecha solicitada.

Nota:

- Podemos aceptar hasta tres intenciones por misa.
- Cada misa dominical se alterna con una intención para los feligreses de la parroquia. Cuando se designa una misa para los feligreses de la parroquia, no se pueden programar otras intenciones para esa misa.

Al programar una intención de misa, indique si la persona está viva o ha fallecido. También puede especificar cómo desea que se incluya la intención, por ejemplo:

Nombre y apellido: Descanso del alma, Aniversario, Cumpleaños, Salud, Sanación, etc.

La ofrenda sugerida es de \$10 por intención. La donación puede realizarse en persona en la Oficina Parroquial, por correo o en línea. Aceptamos efectivo, cheque, tarjeta y giros postales.

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.

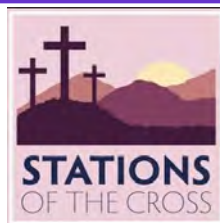
Lent at Immaculate Conception Parish

- 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**
- 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.

The
Season
of
Lent



On Friday March 27th we will celebrate the FINAL evening of Stations of the Cross. Our bilingual stations begin at 6pm and are followed by a meatless pot-luck 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 Families in Action.



40 Cans for Lent -

Our annual **40 Cans for Lent** food drive began 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



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

**Fasting and Feasting - Words to Live By
(Inspired By Pope Francis)**

FAST from judging others
FAST from emphasis on differences
FAST from despair
FAST from thoughts of illness
FAST from words that destroy and pollute
FAST from discontent
FAST from pessimism
FAST from anger
FAST from being negative
FAST from pessimism
FAST from worry
FAST from complaining and groaning
FAST from hostility
FAST from bitterness and grudges
FAST from constant activity
FAST from disrespect
FAST from lethargy and boredom
FAST from being selfish
FAST from words

FEAST on seeing the best in people
FEAST on the unity of life
FEAST on hope
FEAST on the healing power of God
FEAST on words that build and encourage
FEAST on gratitude
FEAST on patience
FEAST on being positive
FEAST on optimism
FEAST on trust
FEAST on appreciation and fill your heart with joy
FEAST on peacemaking and non-violence
FEAST on forgiveness and be reconciled
FEAST on slowing down
FEAST on recognizing the sacred in all life
FEAST on enthusiasm
FEAST on compassion
FEAST on listening

+May your Lent 2026 be BLESSED+

**Ayuno y Gozo - Palabras para Vivir
(Inspirado por el Papa Francisco)**

AYUNA de juzgar a los demás
AYUNAR del énfasis en las diferencias
AYUNA de la desesperación
AYUNA de pensamientos de enfermedad
AYUNA de palabras que destruyen y contaminan
AYUNAR del descontento
AYUNA de la ira
AYUNA de ser negativo
AYUNA de la preocupación
AYUNA de las quejas y gemidos
AYUNA de hostilidad
AYUNA de la amargura y el rencor
AYUNA de pesimismo
AYUNA de la actividad constante
AYUNAR de la falta de respeto
AYUNA del letargo y el aburrimiento
AYUNA del egoísmo
AYUNA de las palabras

GOZA en ver lo mejor de las personas
GOZA en la unidad de la vida
GOZA en la esperanza
GOZA en el poder sanador de Dios
GOZA en palabras que construyen y animan
GOZA de la gratitud
GOZA de paciencia
GOZA de ser positivo
GOZA con la confianza
GOZA con el aprecio y llena tu corazón con alegría
GOZA con la paz y no violencia
GOZA con el perdón y reconcílate
GOZA del optimismo
GOZA con reducir la velocidad
GOZA en reconocer lo sagrado en toda la vida
GOZA del entusiasmo
GOZA de la compasión
GOZA con escuchar

+Que tu Cuaresma 2026 sea BENDECIDA+