



## 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-Coordinator 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:

- ❖ April 25 & 26 ~ Renovation

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

+Fred Trujillo: Rosary will be prayed on Thursday April 30 at 9:30am, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am



Fr. Jose Lucero will speak on the "risen life" on **Wednesday, April 22, at 10:30am** in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Fr. Lucero was raised in Torre-

on, NM with his twelve siblings. He answered God's call at age 19 by joining the Salesians of St. John Bosco. He has lived that vocation for 32 years as a professed religious including 22 years as a priest. He is a gifted musician and singer. He enjoys bowling, spending time with loved ones and most of all connecting with people and sharing God's presence and purpose in people's lives. Please join us for this special presentation!



### Thank You All!

Thank you to all of the ministry leaders and volunteers who did such an outstanding job this year assisting with the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. From those who decorated the Church through the weeks, to those who participated as sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar server and acolytes, musicians and singers, our deacons, ushers and hospitality ministers, Knights and all! God bless you for your devotion to the parish and its parishioners. ~ Frs. Steve, Robert and Stephen!

The Immaculate Conception Parish community is happy to announce and looks forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred by Monsignor Lambert J. on Monday, April 27th at 6:00pm! All are invited to attend!

Please pray for ICC's 15 Confirmandi, their catechists, sponsors, parents & families. Come Holy Spirit! ~ Debbie Garcia Co-Coordinator of Faith Formation



On the weekend of April 25th and 26th, there will be a table set up after each Mass in support of Birthright. Please consider donating new or gently used baby items—monetary donations are also welcome. Let's come together to support those who have chosen life and said "yes," like Mary. This effort is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Knights of Columbus.



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



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A,  
April 26, 2026  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41*  
Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 23:1-6*  
The Lord is my shepherd.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 2:20b-25*  
We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 10:1-10*  
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, April 18, Vigil of <a href="#">Third Sunday of Easter</a>	
8pm	+ John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, April 19, <a href="#">Third Sunday of Easter</a>	
8am	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Intención de Alfonso Manzanares + Luis Adán Rascón ~ 8 meses
Monday, April 20, <a href="#">Monday of the Third Week of Easter</a>	
12:10pm	+ Albert Armijo ~ Anniversary + Polly Sandoval ~ Anniversary + Jonathan Sofia Baca
Tues., April 21, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter</a> ; Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
7am	+ Pope Francis ~ Cabody Ano + Dwight Sullivan ~ Birthday + Virginia Sullivan
Wed., April 22, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter</a>	
12:10pm	+Sixto Torres ~ Anniversary + Joseph Richard Callahan ~ Birthday + Gary John Lucero ~ Repose of his Soul
Thursday, April 23, <a href="#">Thursday of the Third Week of Easter</a> ; Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr	
7am	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 24, <a href="#">Friday of the Third Week of Easter</a> ; Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr	
12:10pm	Kelsi Montoya ~ Prayers for her Surgery For the Health of JR Crespin + Rita Woodley
Sat., April 25, <a href="#">Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist</a>	
7am	+ Dorothy Rosera ~ On her Anniversary
Saturday, April 25, Vigil of <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Easter</a>	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, April 26, <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Easter</a>	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Frank Serna ~ Repose of his Soul + Mary Barelás ~ Birthday
12:30pm Spanish	+ Aaron Albarrán Pineda ~ 7anos de Aniversario

DISCOVER ST. MARY'S! SERVING PRE-K THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**Now Hiring at Saint Mary's Catholic School**

Saint Mary's Catholic School is growing, and we 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](http://stmarys.me)

Apply by emailing your resume

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

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

**St. Mary's Annual Golf Tournament!**

Join us for our Annual Golf Tournament on **Monday, May 11th at 12:00 PM** at the beautiful Canyon Club!

This special event is more than just a day on the course—it's an opportunity to come together as a community and support our school. Proceeds from the tournament directly benefit our students, helping us continue to provide a strong foundation in faith, academics, and enrichment opportunities.

Whether you're an avid golfer or simply want to get involved, we invite you to participate, sponsor, or spread the word. Your support makes a lasting impact!

For registration and sponsorship information, please visit [Stmarys.me](http://Stmarys.me)

We look forward to seeing you on the green!

~ by Kristen Dickey ~ ICC parishioner & SMS 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)

**Immaculate Conception Parish Prayers for Peace**

At the request of our Holy Father and our Archbishop, we will be dedicating the month of May to asking for Mary's intercession and aid as we pray for peace throughout the world. Throughout the month of May we will recite the rosary before or after the weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5:10 PM, Sundays at 9:10 AM, 11:10 AM, and Noon (in Spanish). All are invited to remain after the English Masses or come 30-minutes early before the 12:30 Mass to join in praying for peace in our world.

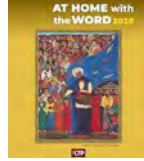
On Wednesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we will offer a bi-lingual Mass at 6:00 PM, as a special prayer for Peace throughout our war-torn world. Please join us in these special prayers. Sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Parish Worship Committee.



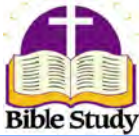
Ongoing Activities

**AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ BIBLE STUDY**

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, will NOT meet on Wednesday the 22nd. They will gather again on April 29. This group 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:**

- ✦ April 19 ~ Regular Classes
- ✦ April 26 ~ Regular Classes

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



Congratulations to our Religious Ed children who received Sacraments this Easter!



INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR MARCH 2026	
PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS	
Bequest	\$303,968.15
Weekly Collections	\$ 47,715.00
Rental Income	3,300.00
Candles	2,797.00
Interest on Accounts at NDFCU	38.63
Casa de las Comunidades	101.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	1,179.31
Fees - Sacramental	1,100.00
Francis House	2,274.00
Mass Stipends	1,145.00
Bread & Blessings	2,528.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,321.00
Rejuvenation	2,936.00
St. Mary's School	2,965.00
Flowers	120.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,546.00
Coffee Ministry	0.00
ACA	19050
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$376,225.09</b>
MARCH 2026 EXPENSES	
Liturgy and Worship	3,274.31
Religious Education	1,938.76
School Support	2,538.85
Clergy Administration	11,872.78
Parish Administration	26,722.63
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Church floor cleaning	19,103.44
Building and Land Operations	10,218.54
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	3,480.51
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations, Francis House, SVDP and Other Ministries	4,432.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 84,700.19</b>

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Cross could have become a symbol of shame for Christians. It brought about the death of Jesus Christ. However, faith in the Resurrection made the Cross a symbol of pride. The worst weapon of Jesus' enemies could not overpower him. Through the Cross, Jesus triumphs over death. Pride in the Cross soon turned to veneration of the Cross. Since no record from the time of the apostles indicates that the Cross of Christ was preserved, zealous Christians later searched for its remains. They had already honored the general location of Calvary and the Sepulcher, so new basilicas were built over those sites under the reign of Constantine in the early fourth century. Around this same time, people believed they had identified relics of the Cross of Christ, and these diffused throughout the Christian world. John Calvin sarcastically noted that if all the splinters of the Cross were gathered together, they would fill a ship— three hundred people could not carry the Cross which one person carried up to Calvary.

It is difficult to verify splinters of the true Cross of Christ. However, legend has it that in 322, Helena, the mother of Constantine, uncovered three Crosses in the excavations for the new basilicas in Jerusalem. She assumed them to be the Crosses of Jesus and the two wrongdoers. Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, brought in a dying woman and had her touch the Crosses. The third one cured her, and that Cross was proclaimed the Cross of Christ. It became an object of veneration in Jerusalem until it was stolen in the seventh century, but Heraclius of Constantinople captured and returned it in 629, bringing it into the city, where it was lifted up for all to venerate again. This "exaltation" of the Holy Cross gave us a feast day on September 14 every year.

In recent decades, our calendar changed its title from the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to the Triumph of the Cross and back to Exaltation again. It is still celebrated on September 14 to commemorate both the victory of Christ and the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 335. As a feast of Christ, when it falls on Sunday, it replaces the regular liturgy for Ordinary Time.

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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.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is preparing to have an ACTS retreat on July 30-31 and August 1-2. Right now they are looking for 4 team members to join the planning committee for the retreat. In order to join the planning committee you are required to have at least participated or served as a team member in this retreat for at least a year. Their first meeting will be on Thurs. April 30th from 6:30pm-8:30pm and they will meet every Thursday for about 13 weeks. Please contact Mary Sanchez if you are interested in being apart of this committee please contact Mary at (505) 506-9470 or via email address [masanchez1@comcast.net](mailto:masanchez1@comcast.net)



**HOPE IN MOTION**

**5K RUN & WALK**

ENSURE NO FAMILY WALKS ALONE

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

PROCEEDS PROTECT ACCESS TO LIFE-AFFIRMING CARE  
AND COMPASSIONATE SUPPORT

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QUESTIONS:

Maura: [communications@defendinglife.org](mailto:communications@defendinglife.org)

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Faith Formation  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 19 de abril ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 26 de Abril ~ Clases Regulares

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

**Información importante para los que se van a confirmar**

✧ **Domingo Abril 26:** Practica en la Iglesia

✧ **Lunes Abril 27:** Misa Sacramento de la Confirmación a las 6:00pm.



**Los estudiantes deben estar en el gimnasio de la escuela St. Mary's a las 5:30pm**

Cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con la Hermana Teresa (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.



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](mailto:aklimka@asfnm.org) | 505.831.8144

*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.*

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LOYOLAPRESS.

**Oraciones por la paz de la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción**

A petición de nuestro Santo Padre y de nuestro arzobispo, dedicaremos el mes de mayo a pedir la intercesión y la ayuda de María mientras rezamos por la paz en todo el mundo. Durante todo el mes de mayo rezaremos el rosario antes o después de las misas del fin de semana: los sábados a las 5:10 p. m., los domingos a las 9:10 a. m., 11:10 a. m. y al mediodía (en español). Todos están invitados a quedarse después de las misas en inglés o a llegar 30 minutos antes de la misa de las 12:30 p. m. para unirse a la oración por la paz en nuestro mundo.

El miércoles 13 de mayo, fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, celebraremos una misa bilingüe a las 6:00 p. m., como oración especial por la paz en nuestro mundo devastado por la guerra.

Únete a nosotros en estas oraciones especiales. Patrocinado por el Comité de Culto de la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción.

