



*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](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:

- ❖ May 16th & 17th ~ American Catholic Missions
- ❖ May 23rd & 24th ~ Renovation

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.

All are welcome!



#### Archbishop John C. Wester's 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe extends an invitation to you to join Archbishop John C. Wester in celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood  
May 15, 1976 - May 15, 2026

An Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Please join Archbishop Wester in prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of his priesthood.

Please no gifts and no RSVP's required.



Our next movie for *Theology on Film* is entitled Our next Theology on Film will be "Evan Almighty" (2007). "Evan Almighty" is a comedy about a newly elected congressman moving with his family into a posh Washington DC suburb, where God appears to him and challenges him to build an ark. It's a fun film about faith in God despite obstacles, and making right decisions. It's a fun film for people of all ages. **Theology on film will be on Thursday May 14th, fellowship at 6:30pm, film beginning at 7:00pm.**



#### All Young Adults....You are Invited

All young adults of Immaculate Conception, ages 18-39, married and single, you are invited to

a special "Young Adult Ministry" event. Please join us on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 Mass. Following the Mass, we will have an Ice Cream Tasting Event, guest speaker and a taco bar. The evening will end at approximately 7:30. Please RSVP using the following QR code. We can't wait to see you!



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



The Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A,  
May 17, 2026  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*  
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*  
Singing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 1:17-23*  
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*  
Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity..

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, May 09, Vigil of <a href="#">Sixth Sunday of Easter</a>	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, May 10, <a href="#">Sixth Sunday of Easter</a>	
8am	For Peace in the Middle East
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	+ María Manuela, María Guadalupe y María Isabel López + Isabel, Blanca Isela y Rumualdo Duarte + Merced, Máximo y Gilberto Medrano
Monday, May 11, <a href="#">Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter</a>	
12:10pm	+ Andie & Harold Sanchez
Tues., May 12, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter</a> ; Saint Ne-reus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr	
7am	For the Unhoused Population
Wed., May 13, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter</a> ; Our Lady of Fatima	
12:10pm	Mike & Roberta Montoya ~ 59th Wedding Anniversary + Ben Armijo + Ann, Gabe & David Lucero
Thursday, May 14, <a href="#">Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</a>	
7am	For the Souls in Purgatory
Friday, May 15, <a href="#">Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter</a> ; Saint Isidore	
12:10pm	Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Sat., May 16, <a href="#">Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter</a>	
7am	For Peace in the World
Saturday, May 16, Vigil of <a href="#">The Ascension of the Lord</a>	
4pm	Mary Agnes Martinez ~ Birthday + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, May 17, <a href="#">The Ascension of the Lord</a>	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Rena Dragoo ~ 5th Anniversary + Roland Soto + Joe Cottrell
12:30pm Spanish	+ Luis Armendariz ~ Aniversario de 10años

DISCOVER ST. MARY'S! SERVING PRE-K THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**A Beautiful Tradition of Faith: May Crowning 2026**

With reverence and joy, our school community gathered to celebrate our annual May Crowning in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This cherished Catholic tradition reminds us to look to Mary as a model of faith, humility, and devotion to God.

This year, the crown was beautifully presented by our 8th grade students, Mya Martinez and Lashaun Dickey, as they led us in honoring our Blessed Mother with grace and prayer. We thank all of our students, staff, and families who participated in this meaningful celebration of faith and tradition. May Mary continue to guide and watch over our school community. Flowers will be refreshed by our students throughout the month of May.



With joyful hearts, we congratulate our 3rd Grade students on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this past week. Surrounded by family, friends, and our school community, they took an important step in their faith journey by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. We are so proud of their reverence, preparation, and love for Christ. May God continue to bless each of them as they grow in faith, wisdom, and grace. Please keep our First Communicants and their families in your prayers.



~ 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**

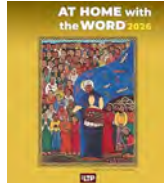
At the request of our Holy Father and our Archbishop, we will be dedicating the month of May to asking for Mary's intercession and aid as we pray for peace throughout the world. Throughout the month of May we will recite the rosary before or after the weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5:10 PM, Sundays at 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.



*Ongoing Activities*

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

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, 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 is reading *Rain of Gold*, by Victor Villasenor (2015). *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:**

- ✦ May 10~ Regular Classes
- ✦ May 17 ~ Regular Classes

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



Deanery C of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is looking for a "quarter time" (10 hours a week) high school youth minister who is excited about sharing their Catholic faith.

(Deanery C parishes are located south of I-40 and west of I-

25) The position involves organizing a variety of activities aimed at fellowship, worship, and service for the high school youth of Deanery C. Interested individuals may use the link or QR code for more information. <https://www.abqdeaneryc.org/employmen>

. We are deeply grateful to the Catholic Foundation for their support.



INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR APRIL 2026	
PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS	
Weekly Collections	\$ 46,726.50
Rental Income	3,300.00
Candles	3,057.00
Interest on Accounts at NDFCU	385.97
Casa de las Comunidades	131.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	613.14
Fees - Sacramental	200.00
Francis House	2,230.00
Mass Stipends	662.00
Bread & Blessings	617.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,304.00
Rejuvenation	3,246.00
St. Mary's School	3,018.00
Flowers	22.00
Organ	50.00
Articles for Sale—Cards	2.00
Certificates	40.00
Fundraising	1,422.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,546.00
Coffee Ministry	231.00
ACA	190.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$70,530.61</b>
APRIL 2026 EXPENSES	
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 3,394.47
Religious Education	5,111.60
School Support	10,781.06
Clergy Administration	11,382.45
Parish Administration	8,251.27
ASF - Assessment	6,651.00
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Building and Land Operations	9,231.06
Utilities— Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	3,019.56
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations, Francis House, SVDP and Other Ministries	4,440.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 63,380.78</b>

## AMDG

The letters “AMDG” sometimes appear as a decoration on architectural features of Catholic buildings. They abbreviate the Latin phrase Ad maiorem Dei gloriam, which means “To the greater glory of God.”

The phrase occurs frequently in the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), the founder of the Jesuits. Through it, Ignatius expressed the dedication of his life and work to religious purposes. The phrase recognizes that God has

glory and that an individual’s work should aim to enhance it. The word “greater” can have more than one meaning. It expresses that the work of Christians contributes to God’s glory, as the Body of Christ builds up the Kingdom of God on earth.

It also recognizes that the glory of God is greater than any glory assigned to the believer. Christians may win praise for the work that they do, but they devoutly realize that the real praise belongs to God, the giver of all gifts, who enables them to accomplish all things.

The Jesuits have encouraged the use of the initials “AMDG” on items ranging from statues of St. Ignatius to the homework assignments of their students. Others have also found inspiration from this motto. It appears on religious medals or other emblems that some Christians wear to help center the activities of their day. Pope John Paul II frequently headed his writings with “AMDG” as a devotional reminder of the purpose of his work. Even Johann Sebastian Bach, a great Lutheran composer of church music, appended the letters “AMDG” to some of his manuscripts. Wherever the initials appear, they remind us that faithful Christians dedicate their lives, their work, their music, and their buildings to the greater glory of God.

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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. They meet every Thursday from 6:30pm-8:30pm and for about 13 weeks. Their first meeting was on April 30th. 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)

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 Ladies of Court Santa Maria 317, along with our Court Chaplain, Father Stephen Gaertner, joyfully welcome three new members who were received on Saturday, May 2nd at Immaculate Conception Church. By saying yes to the call of unity and charity, they join us in faith, service, and sisterhood. We are blessed to have them as part of our court.

From left to right  
Father Stephen  
Gaertner, Annette  
Gutierrez-Turk, Jordan  
Cilley, Natalie Garcia



The ladies of Court Santa Maria 317 are pleased to announce the newly elected officers for the 2026–2028 term at Immaculate Conception Church. We extend our congratulations

and prayers to these dedicated women who have answered the call to serve in leadership through unity, faith, and charity.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all outgoing officers for their faithful service and commitment to our court and parish community.

The installation and transition of officers marks a new chapter of service, and we look forward to the continued growth and mission of Court Santa Maria 317.

Together with our chaplain and welcoming support of our parish community, we ask for God’s blessings upon our new leadership as they begin their term of service.

Left to right  
Norma Crespín, Torie Pruitt, Rita Sanchez, Pilar Sanchez, Donna Garcia



Faith Formation  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 10 de Mayo ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 17 de Mayo ~ 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.



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.*

**ACERCA DE LOS RETIROS:** 3 minutos de retiro te invita a tomar un descanso dedicado a la oración mientras estás enfrente de tu computadora. Toma una breve pausa para reflexionar en silencio sobre un pasaje bíblico.



Como cada uno de nosotros ora a su ritmo, 3 minutos de retiro te permite controlar el ritmo del retiro. Después de cada pantalla aparecerá un botón que dice "Siguiente". Presiónalo cuando quieras pasar a la siguiente imagen. Si este tipo de oración online es nuevo para ti, el ritmo preseleccionado para el retiro te guiará durante esta experiencia de oración.

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### 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.

