



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;
- ✧ Ms. Renee Gallegos, Principal, St. Mary's School;
- ✧ Sr. Teresa Aparicio, O.L.V.M., and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordination of Faith Formation; and
- ✧ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director;
- ✧ Dianne Dragoo, Web Administrator.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 10am-3:30pm;

Saturday: 9am –4pm

619 Copper Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271

~ Website: ICCABQ.org ~

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:

- ❖ Aug 8th & 9th ~ Jemez Pueblo Rectory Fund
- ❖ August 22nd & 23rd ~ Renovation Fund

Is God Calling You to be a Sister?

Join the Daughters of Charity "Come & See" Fall Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat, September 25 – 27, 2026 in the SF Bay Area. Stay with us! Pray with us and Explore God's Dream for YOU. For More Information: Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/
 **For Single Catholic Women
 Ages 18-40**



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This coming Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Mass on Friday evening, the Vigil of the Assumption, and on Saturday, at 7:00 AM to celebrate the Solemnity. The Solemnity of the Assumption is normally a Holy Day of Obligation; however, in the U.S. it is not celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation this year since the next day is a Sunday. The Saturday, 4:00 PM Mass, will be the Mass of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and not Mass for the Solemnity of Mary.

St. Francis
in this
the Jubilee Year

**Thursday,
August 13th**

10:30am - 12:00pm

Immaculate
Conception
Parish Hall

Presenter Fr. Luke Joseph Leighton, CFR
 a priest of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal dedicated to prayer, preaching, and service to the poor. Fr. Luke will lead a reflection on the "heart" of St. Francis. Come be inspired! Please join us for a morning of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

All are welcome!

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



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary
Time, Cycle A, August 16, 2026
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Isaiah 56:1,6-7*

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8*

All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading: *Romans 11:13-15,29-32*

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, August 08, Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	For the Intention of Pedro Alberto Aparicio + John Fitzpatrick + Eileen Pearl Sandoval ~ Repose of her Soul
Sunday, August 09, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	+ Yvonne Sanchez
10am	+ Priscilla Torrez ~ Anniversary + Naomi & Robert Santiago
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, August 10, Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	
12:10pm	Mary Barthelemy ~ Health JR Crespín ~ Health Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
Tues., August 11, Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin	
7am	+ Janet Domiano
Wed., August 12, Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time ; Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	
12:10pm	Enrique & Adriana Chavez ~ Wedding Anniversary
Thursday, August 13, Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time ; Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	
7am	+ Kathy Lucero
Friday, August 14, Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	
12:10pm	John Ciuba ~ Birthday For the Intention of Carmen Aparicio
Sat., August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7am	For the People of the Parish
Saturday, August 15, Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	Mary Barthelemy ~ Health + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Helen Pacheco ~ Anniversary + Stephanie Pacheco ~ 25th Anniversary
12:30pm Spanish	Carmen Aparicio-Cervante ~ Salud Arixty Dominguez ~ Cumpleaños + Ronald Schatzman ~ Reposo de su Alma

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

Help Us Finish Our School Mural!

Our beautiful new mural is officially underway, and we couldn't be more excited to see this vision come to life! This vibrant work of art will serve as a lasting symbol of faith, learning, and community for our students and everyone who visits St. Mary's Catholic School.

We're almost there—but we need to raise just a little more to bring the project across the finish line.

If you would like to help complete this meaningful addition to our campus, we invite you to donate any amount. Every gift, large or small, brings us one step closer to unveiling a mural that will inspire generations of St. Mary's students.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support. Together, we are creating something truly special for our school community!



Back to School at St. Mary's!

The excitement is building as we prepare to welcome our students back for another wonderful school year!

Back to School Bash – Saturday, August 8

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we kick off the new school year! It's a great opportunity to meet teachers, reconnect with friends, welcome new families, and celebrate our St. Mary's community.

First Day of School – Monday, August 10

We look forward to filling our classrooms with faith, learning, laughter, and friendship once again. As we begin a new year, please keep our students, families, faculty, and staff in your prayers for a safe, joyful, and successful school year.

We can't wait to see everyone on August 8 and again on August 10!

~ by Kristen Dickey ~ ICC parishioner & SMS

Advancement Director

<i>Ongoing Activities</i>	Date/s	Time	Location	Contact Person
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Every First Friday	7:00am-11:45am	Church	
Hot Dog Social	Every First Saturday	5:00pm-6:30pm	Parish Courtyard	
At Home with the Word ~ Bible Study	Every Wednesday	2:30pm-3:30pm	Office Dining Room	Parish Office
Evening Bible Study	Every Wednesday	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Campion Room	Luke Wyatt
Book Group ~ <i>Mountains Beyond Mountains</i> : (more info on page 5 column 2)	Every Wednesday	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Parish Hall	Fr. Steve Rosera
Monthly Sawmill Social	Every Third Thursday	11:30am-12:30pm	Sawmill Food Court	Parish Office

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): Anthoney 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.
- ✧ *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)



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Important Dates for Religious Education:

✧ August 09~ First Day of Classes **Starting from 11:15am-12:15pm**

✧ August 16 ~ Regular Classes

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

ICC WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is continuing to sponsor Rosaries throughout the month.

During August the Rosary schedule is as follows (unless no one is available to recite) :

Weekday Masses:

Every Thursday following the 7:00 Mass

Every Friday following the 12:10 Mass

Sunday Liturgies :

8/8 - 4:00 PM *Immediately following Mass*

8/9 - 8:00 AM *Immediately following Mass*

8/16 - 10:00 AM *Immediately following Mass*

8/23 - 12:30 PM *11:30 AM before Mass*

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO RECITE. If you are interested in reciting a Rosary or joining the Worship Committee, please share your contact information with the ICC Office Receptionist - receptionist@iccabq.org or (505) 247-4271. Thank you.

If you are or know of any person living within our parish boundaries who needs rent or utility assistance, please have them contact our parish *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* at (505) 346-1500.

SSVDP assistance is available to everyone in need. They do not need to be registered parishioners or Catholic to qualify.



SUPPORTING OUR UNHOUSED PARISHIONERS

Our Parish has multiple ministries that support the homeless or unhoused members of our downtown community. In addition to Bread & Blessing, and St. Benedict Labre Ministries, and the St. Vincent de Paul group, and the Parish Office staff daily feeds a number of unhoused individuals.

When people panhandle (come up to you asking for money), while it might seem a charitable thing to do, it can also be a way of enabling inappropriate behavior. For those who use the money they collect for alcohol or others drugs, It is actually contributing to their ill health. The best thing to do is to let the person know that you cannot give them money. On Sundays, just direct them to the Basement Parish Hall where they can receive a satisfying lunch at no charge from 8:30am-11:30am. On weekdays, direct them to the Parish Office during our office hours.

INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT

FOR JULY 2026

PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

Weekly Collections	\$ 41,902.18
Rental Income	800.00
Candles	3,104.00
Interest on Accounts at NDFCU	8.53
Casa de las Comunidades	180.00
Donations	300.00
Fees - Sacramental	365.00
Francis House	2,375.00
Mass Stipends	900.00
Bread & Blessings	665.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,372.00
Rejuvenation	3,367.00
St. Mary's School	1,655.00
Flowers	20.00
Donation for Hot Dog Saturday	20.00
Fundraising	60.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	1,179.00
Collection for Venezuela	1,382.00
Coffee Ministry	80.00
ACA Rebate	3,325.50
ACA	2,730.50
Total Income	\$64,790.71

JULY 2026 EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 3,161.73
Religious Education	3,472.24
Youth	769.22
School Support	3,976.10
Clergy Administration	8,163.32
Parish Administration	17,153.63
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Building and Land Operations	17,820.10
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	4,201.33
Ministries-Includes Designated Donations, Francis House, SVPD and Other Ministries	783.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 60,619.04

Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign 2026— Fearless in Faith, Boundless in Love

Gentle Reminder

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Through your generosity, the Church is able to support ministries that form disciples, serve those in need, educate future leaders, and bring Christ's love to communities throughout our Archdiocese.

If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider participating in this year's Appeal. Every gift, regardless of size, helps us fulfill our shared mission as the People of God.

Together, let us be Fearless in Faith and Boundless in Love.

Please use the QR Code or on-line giving www.acaarchdiosf.org



Starting August 12th the new book for the Parish Book Group is *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*, by Tracy Kidder. 2003. "In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Tracy Kidder's magnificent account shows how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems through a clear-eyed understanding of the interaction of politics, wealth, social systems, and disease. Profound and powerful, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes people's minds through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity."

Where Are You on Your Faith Journey?

Explore the Catholic Faith in a Welcoming Community



Are you:

- Curious about the Catholic Church?
- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Baptized in another Christian tradition and considering full communion with the Catholic Church?
- Looking to deepen your relationship with God?

Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Beginning August 27, 2026



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming journey of learning, prayer, discussion, and faith-sharing for adults who want to explore the Catholic faith, become Catholic, complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist), or return to the Church. Come with your questions and discover where God may be leading you.

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

Questions? We'd love to hear from you.

(505) 247-4271
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[3-Minute Retreats Daily](#)

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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@asfm.org | 505.831.8144

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.

**Comienza el
Programa de
Iniciación
Cristiana para
Adultos.**



Si usted es mayor de 18 años y le interesa convertirse al catolicismo, nuestra parroquia inicia un nuevo año de implementación del Programa de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA) en inglés. Si no está bautizado y busca el bautismo, o si fue bautizado en una iglesia cristiana no católica pero desea convertirse al catolicismo, ¡este programa es para usted! La fecha de inicio será el Jueves 27 de Agosto de 6:00 p. m – 7:30pm. Por favor, inscribise en la oficina parroquial llamando al 505-247-4272 o visitándonos de lunes a viernes entre las 10:00 a. m. - las 4:00 p. m. y sábado de 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe
Curso presencial de capacitación Virtus**

Jueves 13 de Agosto 6pm
Parroquia Holy Rosary
5415 Fortuna Rd NW

La capacitación VIRTUS es obligatoria para todo el clero, empleados y voluntarios de la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe, independientemente de dónde trabajen o en qué función presten su voluntariado, y debe renovarse cada 5 años. Tenga en cuenta que si no ha tomado este curso en los últimos 5 años, o si nunca ha asistido, no podrá prestar servicio en nuestra diócesis hasta que lo haya completado.

Es necesario preinscribirse. Para inscribirse, llame a la parroquia de Holy Rosary (505) 836-5011

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.



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.*



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 09 de Agosto ~ Primer día de Clase

✧ 16 de Agosto ~ Clases Regulares

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

COMITÉ DE CULTO DE ICC

El Comité de Culto continúa organizando el rezo del Rosario durante todo el mes.

Durante agosto, el horario del Rosario es el siguiente (a menos que no haya nadie disponible para rezarlo):

Misas entre semana:

Todos los jueves después de la Misa de las 7:00

Todos los viernes después de la Misa de las 12:10

Liturgias dominicales:

8/8 - 4:00 PM (**Inmediatamente después de la Misa**)

8/9 - 8:00 AM (**Inmediatamente después de la Misa**)

8/16 - 10:00 AM (**Inmediatamente después de la Misa**)

8/23 - 12:30 PM (11:30 AM antes de la Misa)

NECESITAMOS MÁS VOLUNTARIOS DISPUESTOS A RECITAR EL ROSA. Si le interesa rezar el Rosario o unirse al Comité de Culto, por favor, comparta su información de contacto con la recepcionista de la oficina de ICC: receptionist@iccabq.org o (505) 247-4271. Gracias.

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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Se necesitan voluntarios en el almacén, tienda de segunda mano y centro de llamadas de San Vicente de Paúl (SVdP) de Albuquerque.

Las tareas incluyen responder llamadas, clasificar ropa, etc.

El horario es de 9:00 a. m. a 4:00 p. m.

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico o llame a Luana Salazar:

luana@svdpsantafe.org, 505-346-1500, extensión 1000 (deje un mensaje si no hay respuesta).



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