

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, UNMH Chaplain;
- ✧ Deacon Stephen Sais;
- ✧ Deacon Don Roseborough, Emeritus;
- ✧ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Emeritus;
- ✧ Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, 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.

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 ~

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.

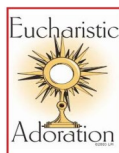
IMPORTANT NOTICE: Our Thursday the 27th Thanksgiving Day Mass on will be at **9am NOT** at 7am

NEXT SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- ✧ December 6 & 7~ St. Mary's School

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~

Jesus is waiting for you. Consider giving him one hour on First Friday, December 5, after the 7am Mass until 11:45am Benediction. He is truly present in the Eucharist. The regularly scheduled 12:10pm Mass follows. Confessions are scheduled from 11am to 12 noon.



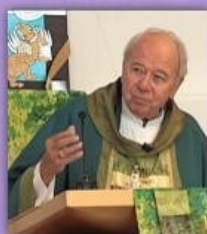
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- ❖ Thursday November 27th (Thanksgiving Day), Friday 28th & Saturday 29th

PARISH OFFICE
Closed

Immaculate Conception Parish

Advent Mission



"Advent Alive"

by Abbot Emeritus Joel Garner, O. Praem

Friday, December 5th

At Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

10:00 - 10:30 Lite brunch

10:30 - 11:00 Presentation by Abbot Joel

You are welcome to join us for:

11:00 - 12:00 Adoration/Benediction

12:10: Mass

Saturday, December 6th

At Immaculate Conception Church

10:30 - 11:00 Presentation by Abbot Joel

Followed by:

Parish Reconciliation Service

11:00 -12:00

4:00 – 5:00pm Mass

5:15 – 6:00pm Presentation by Abbot Joel

Followed by dinner in parish hall

Abbot Emeritus Joel Garner, O. Praem. is a Norbertine priest and the abbot emeritus of the Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey in Albuquerque. He was one of the founding members of the abbey, which was established in 1986. Abbot Emeritus Garner served on the pastoral team of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic community for 27 years with most of those years as pastor. He was the leader of the Norbertine community of Santa Maria de la Vid as prior from 1985 and as Abbot from 2012 until he became abbot emeritus in 2024.



OUR GIVING TREE

It's that Special Time of year! The giving tree will be displayed in the rear of the Church from Saturday, November 22 - Saturday, December 6. Help make a child's Christmas brighter by following these simple steps:

1. Pick an ornament from the Giving Tree.
2. Purchase the requested gift(s).
3. Attach the ornament securely to your gift.
4. Place the gift in a gift bag (no additional wrapping, please).
5. Return the gift bag near the Tree in the rear of the Church – or bring it to the Parish Office during business hours.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27.— Saturday November 29

All gifts will be distributed by **Catholic Charities** to children in need.

If you have any questions or need more information, please **call the Parish Office.**



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



First Sunday of Advent
November 30 2025
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9*

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required.

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| Mass Intentions | |
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| Saturday, November 22, Vigil of The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | |
| 4pm | + John Fitzpatrick |
| Sunday, November 23, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | |
| 8am | Souls in Purgatory + Corina Sierra |
| 10am | For the People of the Parish |
| 12:30pm Spanish | Por el bienestar de nuestra población Inmigrante |
| Monday, November 24, Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | |
| 12:10pm | + Marcello Martinez ~ Anniversary + John Richard Ogilvie ~ 4 year Anniversary + Emiliano, Alex & Sam Sanchez |
| Tues., November 25, Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time ; Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr | |
| 7am | + Anthony R. Martinez |
| Wed., November 26, Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 12:10pm | All Souls + Mary Benvenuti + Tina Parrish |
| Thursday, November 27, Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time-Thanksgiving | |
| 9am | + Alex & Virginia Sullivan |
| Friday, November 28, Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 12:10pm | Special Intention for Saint Jude Special Intention for Saint Anthony Special Intention for Immaculate Conception |
| Sat., November 29, Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 7am | + Thelma Sice Romero |
| Saturday, November 29, Vigil of First Sunday of Advent | |
| 4pm | For the Intention of Betty Sanchez For the Intention of Pilar Sancehz + John Fitzpatrick |
| Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent | |
| 8am | For the Deceased Immaculate Conception Parishioners |
| 10am | + Mary Benvenuti + Donald & Marguerite F. Babcock + George Gomez ~ 2nd Year Anniversary |
| 12:30pm Spanish | Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia |

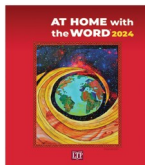


Lindy's Diner invites you to their annual **FREE full Thanksgiving Dinner**. Thursday November 28 from 11am-2pm. For any questions please call the Diner (505) 242-2582

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. You are welcome to join us at any time. We use LTP's *At Home with the Word*, 2025.



Evening Bible Study



In addition to our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study (at 2:30 pm in the rectory) A new bible study group, led by Mr. Luke Wyatt, has started here at Immaculate Conception. If you are interested in this opportunity to study the Sacred Scriptures with your fellow parishioners The group meets on Wednesdays, at 6:00PM. in the Campion Room (near the Parish Hall).



THE ICC PARISH BOOK GROUP

The ICC Parish Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

The group is reading *Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America*, by John J. Fialka. If you wish to join us, this book is available on Amazon and through other booksellers and libraries.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- ✧ November 23 ~ Regular Classes
- ✧ November 30 ~ NO Classes

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



Thanksgiving 2025 Message to our Circle of Friends

At this time of year Casa de las Comunidades would like to thank all our friends over the years for their support.

We continue to help more immigrant families than ever before. And in these uncertain times many unhoused people in the community have been served by Casa. As a Catholic Worker House we would not be successful in carrying out its mission without volunteers to perform administrative and staff functions.

And you have made that possible.

Again, we thank all you have ever done or will do to help us. Many blessings to you and your family.

Sincerely,
The families and the Board of Directors,
Casa de las Comunidades



INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

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| Weekly Collections | \$ 41,327.75 |
| Rental Income | 3,300.00 |
| Certificates | 30.00 |
| Candles | 3,570.00 |
| Casa de las Comunidades | 240.00 |
| Donations - Miscellaneous | 507.74 |
| Fees - Sacramental | 0.00 |
| Fee- Religious Ed | 95.00 |
| Francis House | 2,340.00 |
| Flowers and Mass Stipends | 800.00 |
| Pipe Organ Donation | 125.00 |
| Bread & Blessings | 1,660.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 1,417.00 |
| Rejuvenation | 2,477.00 |
| St. Mary's School | 3,037.00 |
| CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development | 2,135.00 |
| Coffee Ministry | 118.00 |
| ACA | 205.50 |
| Total Income | \$ 63,384.99 |

OCTOBER 2025 EXPENSES

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| Liturgy and Worship | 6,166.26 |
| Religious Education | 3,138.07 |
| School Support | 2,538.85 |
| Clergy Administration | 12,218.89 |
| Parish Administration | 17,897.28 |
| Mass Stipends paid | 200.80 |
| HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese | 1,118.37 |
| Building and Land Operations | 11,399.75 |
| Organ (from income generated in previous months) | 17,519.48 |
| Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet | 1,342.13 |
| Ministries - Includes Designated Donations | 5,854.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ 79,363.88 |

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

Now Hiring for the 2026–2027 School Year!

Saint Mary's Catholic School is growing, and we are excited to welcome passionate, faith-filled educators to our team for the upcoming school year!

If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of children through **Catholic education**, we invite you to explore our open positions. Join a joyful, mission-driven community where faith, learning, and service come together every day.

We are seeking dedicated teachers and staff who will help our students grow in knowledge, faith, and character.

2026–2027 School Year Openings

Visit our website or contact the school office for more information on available positions and how to apply.



~ by Kristen Dickey - ICC parishioner and St. Mary's Advancement Director

iGiveCatholic — Help Us Refresh Our Cafeteria!

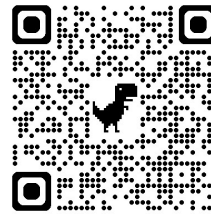
This year, Saint Mary's Catholic School is participating once again in **#iGiveCatholic!**
Our goal: **to raise funds for new cafeteria tables** — creating a brighter, cleaner, and more welcoming space for our students to gather and share meals each day.

Giving Day: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Early Giving: November 18–December 1

Your generosity helps us continue to provide a joyful and faith-filled environment for our children.

Together, let's make our cafeteria a space that reflects the heart of our Saint Mary's community!



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)

Mt. Cavalry Cemetery and Gate of Heaven Cemetery are offering a 15% discount on pre-need purchases during the months of October, November and December. Discount applies to limited areas, please contact cemetery for details. This discount program is designed to help families plan now so that those left behind are not tasked with difficult decisions and costly expenses at a time of need. For more information, please call Mt. Cavalry Cemetery at (505) 243-0218 or Gate of Heaven Cemetery at (505) 821-0800

Volunteers are needed at the Albuquerque St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Warehouse, Thrift Store and Call Center

- ✧ Tasks include answering calls, sorting clothes, etc
- ✧ Hours are anytime between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- ✧ For more information, please email or call Luana Salazar - luana@svdpsantafe.org, 505-346-1500, extension 1000 (leave message if no answer)



St. Vincent de Paul
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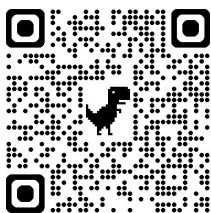
Organ Announcement

A Hearty Thanks to those who supported ACA and our Organ Replacement Project this year
Many thanks to those people who contributed so generously to



the installation of the newly acquired organ console. The console is installed and is in working condition, so we should soon be hearing wonderful music coming once again from the choir loft! There is still work to be done on the entire system (adjustment to pipes, replacement of some of the leather components like the bellows, reservoirs, and pouches, which are crucial for regulating airflow to the pipes) but these will be taking place over the next 12 months as money becomes available.

Since our ACA campaign was very successful this year, again thanks to those who participated in ACA, we will receive approximately \$10,000 BACK from the Archdiocese, which our Finance Council has approved to do some additional work on the organ. Those of you who have made a 2025 Pledge to the ACA are asked to fulfill those pledges before the end of the year. If you have not pledged to the ACA but would like to contribute to this, please go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=sXceey> or use the QR code included at the bottom of this announcement. So your new ACA contribution this year or your donation to the Organ Fund will be used for this purpose. Please know that donations contributed to the organ fund, as well as NEW contributions to ACA 2025 are not taxed by the archdiocese, so your entire contribution will remain at ICC.



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.



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 passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day may be observed with a special Mass at Catholic churches throughout the United States of America. The day is a secular holiday with strong religious roots. This day implies that there is a God, that God is provident, that we recognize what God has done, that we can address God about our blessings, and that the best thing we can say is "Thanks."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops includes this day on the liturgical calendar for the country as an optional memorial. Parishes are therefore not obliged to observe it. They may celebrate whatever weekday Mass would otherwise fall on that day this year. But most parishes choose to make this a special Mass of Thanksgiving. If anyone knows how to give thanks to God, the Church should know how to do it best. The very word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." There is no more fitting way to celebrate this feast than to join in prayer at the table of the Lord.

The Roman Missal offers a set of prayers that the priest may use for a Thanksgiving Day Mass, including a special Preface to open the Eucharistic Prayer. Readings may be taken from the lectionary's Mass "In Thanksgiving to God." There are several choices here, so the readings you hear may change from year to year. Some churches observe other customs. There may be a food collection at Mass so that those who have trouble paying for groceries will benefit from the generosity of the faithful. Or parishes might invite you to bring some of the food you will eat at your own table this day. In that case, you may hear the Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day from the *Book of Blessings*.

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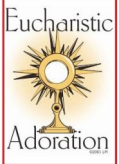
Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 23 de Noviembre ~ NO Clases

✧ 30 de Noviembre ~ NO Clases

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



Devociones del primer viernes ~

Jesús te está esperando. Considere darle una hora el primer viernes, 5 de diciembre, después de la misa de las 7 a. m. hasta la bendición de las 11:45 a. m. Él está verdaderamente presente en la Eucaristía.

Sigue la misa programada regularmente a las 12:10 p.m.
Las confesiones están programadas de 11 am a 12pm.

NUESTRO ÁRBOL DE LA GENEROSIDAD

¡Llegó esa época tan especial del año! El árbol de la generosidad estará en la parte trasera de la iglesia desde el sábado 22 de noviembre hasta el sábado 6 de diciembre. Ayude a alegrar la Navidad de un niño siguiendo estos sencillos pasos:

1. Elija un adorno del árbol de la generosidad.
2. Compre el o los regalos solicitados.
3. Sujete el adorno al regalo.
4. Coloque el regalo en una bolsa de regalo (sin envoltorio adicional, por favor).
5. Devuelva la bolsa de regalo cerca del árbol en la parte trasera de la iglesia o tráigala a la oficina parroquial en horario de atención.



Nota: La oficina parroquial permanecerá cerrada del jueves 27 al sábado 29 de noviembre.

Todos los regalos serán distribuidos por Caridades Católicas a niños necesitados.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, llame a la oficina parroquial.

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.



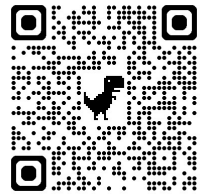
Anuncio sobre el órgano

Un sincero agradecimiento a quienes apoyaron a ACA y nuestro Proyecto de Reemplazo del Órgano este año.



Muchas gracias a quienes contribuyeron generosamente a la instalación de la consola del órgano recién adquirida. La consola ya está instalada y en funcionamiento, ¡así que pronto volveremos a escuchar música maravillosa desde el coro! Aún queda trabajo por hacer en todo el sistema (ajuste de los tubos, reemplazo de algunos componentes de cuero como los fuelles, depósitos y bolsas, que son cruciales para regular el flujo de aire a los tubos), pero esto se llevará a cabo durante los próximos 12 meses conforme se disponga de fondos.

Dado el gran éxito de nuestra campaña de ACA este año, y gracias nuevamente a quienes participaron, recibiremos aproximadamente \$10,000 de la Arquidiócesis, monto que nuestro Consejo de Finanzas aprobó para realizar trabajos adicionales en el órgano. A quienes se comprometieron a apoyar la ACA en 2025, les pedimos que cumplan con ese compromiso antes de fin de año. Si no se comprometieron con la ACA pero desean contribuir, visiten <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=sXceey> o utilicen el código QR que aparece al final de este anuncio. Aún queda trabajo por hacer en todo el sistema (ajuste de los tubos, reemplazo de algunos componentes de cuero como los fuelles, depósitos y bolsas, que son cruciales para regular el flujo de aire a los tubos), por lo que su nueva contribución a la ACA de este año o su donación al Fondo del Órgano se utilizará para este fin. Tenga en cuenta que las donaciones al Fondo del Órgano, así como las NUEVAS contribuciones a la ACA 2025, no están sujetas a impuestos por parte de la arquidiócesis, por lo que su contribución íntegra permanecerá en el ICC.



Mensaje de Acción de Gracias 2025 a nuestra Red de Amigos:

En esta época del año, Casa de las Comunidades desea agradecer a todos sus amigos por su apoyo a lo largo de los años.

Continuamos ayudando a más familias inmigrantes que nunca. Y en estos tiempos de incertidumbre, Casa ha brindado apoyo a muchas personas sin hogar en la comunidad. Como Casa de Trabajadores Católica, no podríamos cumplir nuestra misión sin los voluntarios que realizan las funciones administrativas y de personal. Y ustedes lo han hecho posible.

Una vez más, les agradecemos todo lo que han hecho y harán para ayudarnos. Muchas bendiciones para ustedes y sus familias.



Atentamente,
Las familias y la Junta Directiva,
Casa de las Comunidades



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.

