



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.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- ❖ December 6 & 7~ St. Mary's School

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

+Melanie Cotinola: On Thursday, December 4, the Rosary will be prayed at 11:00am, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30am. at Immaculate Conception. Burial will take place at a later date.



+Marguerite Babcock: Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00pm. Burial will take place on December 8th.

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.



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.**



Second Sunday of Advent
December 07 2025
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17*

The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

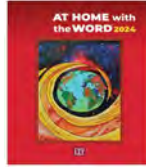
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Mass Intentions	
Saturday, November 29, Vigil of First Sunday of Advent	
4pm	For the Intention of Betty Sanchez For the Intention of Pilar Sancehz + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent	
8am	+ David Rusk For the Deceased Immaculate Conception Parishioners
10am	+ Mary Benvenuti + Donald & Marguerite F. Babcock + George Gomez~ 2nd Year Anniversary
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, December 01, Monday of the First Week of Advent	
12:10pm	+ Emiliano, Alex & Sam Sanchez + Mark Chavez ~ 1st year Anniversary + Manuel T. Crespín Sr. ~ Anniversary
Tues., December 02, Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	
7am	+ Ronnie Sullivan & Milt Alter For the Deceased Sullivan Family For the Deceased Luchini Family
Wed., December 03, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	
12:10pm	+ Jennie Maestas + Viola Sanchez + Ruben Ramirez
Thursday, December 04, Thursday of the First Week of Advent	
7am	For the Deceased Gauvin Family For the Deceased Masse Family + Denis & Jeannette Gauvin
Friday, December 05, Friday of the First Week of Advent	
7am	Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm	For the Health of Father Broussard + Jerry, Mary Jane & Ben Perry + Alex Lopez
Sat., December 06, Saturday of the First Week of Advent	
7am	For the Intention of Joni Martinez + Levi & Emma Montoya
Saturday, December 06, Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent	
4pm	+ Naomi & Robert Santiago + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, December 07, Second Sunday of Advent	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Mary Benvenuti + Isabel Sawyer + Josie Vallejos ~ Anniversary
12:30pm Spanish	Por la seguridad y el bienestar de todos los migrantes

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 30 ~ NO Classes
- ✧ December 07 ~ Regular Classes

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



Jubilee Year of Hope

Deanery C High School Youth Ministry

Invites all high school youth and their families on a special
Pilgrimage of Hope

Information: Saturday December 13th

**10:00am: Join us for breakfast at the Norbertine Abbey
5825 Coors Blvd SW**

10:45am: Jubilee Year Presentation

11:30am: Travel to St. Augustine Church, Isleta Pueblo

11:45am: Procession into St. Augustine Church for prayer



Please RSVP using the link or QR code.

<https://forms.gle/DrauL49g2VrkXSbQ8>



INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

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

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 at Saint Mary's Catholic School

Saint Mary's Catholic School is growing, and we are excited to announce two job openings for the 2026-2027 school year:

- **Dual Language Upper Elementary Teacher**

We are looking for a passionate bilingual educator who believes in academic excellence, language immersion, and nurturing confident, compassionate learners.

If you or someone you know feels called to serve in a joyful, faith-filled school community, we would love to hear from you!

Apply by emailing your resume to:

rsanchez@stmarys.me

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

Come be part of a mission-driven team that enriches the world through Catholic teachings, academic excellence, and service.



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

iGive Catholic - Tuesday, 12/2/25

Excitement is building at Saint Mary's as we prepare for **iGive Catholic on Tuesday, December 2nd!**

Our students have already been hard at work raising funds through **Penny Wars**, showing their generosity and school spirit. Now it's time for our wider community to join in and support our school's mission.

Every gift helps provide resources, classroom improvements, and meaningful experiences for our students. Together, we can make a big impact!

Give online: [iGiveCatholic.org](https://www.igivecatholic.org) – select *Saint Mary's Catholic School - Albuquerque* stmarys.me

Thank you for supporting our students and our school 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)



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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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

meet quarterly; next time will be Saturday, **December 13**, at 11am in the Church.

You are expected to attend if you are a current Eucharistic Minister or if you would like to be part of this essential ministry.



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.

~Continued from page 2~ Next Sunday's Readings.

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: "... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Do Re Mi and St. John the Baptist

John the Baptist is ultimately responsible for the names of the notes in the musical scale. In the eighth century, an unknown poet and composer wrote a hymn in Latin to observe the celebration of the birth of John the Baptist (June 24).

Here are the words of the first verse:

Ut queant laxis / resonare fibris / Mira gestorum / famuli tuorum, / Solve polluti / labii reatum, / Sancte Ioannes.

This verse asks St. John the Baptist to loosen our voices to praise God, just as the voice of his father Zechariah was loosened. Zechariah had been mute throughout Elizabeth's pregnancy, and got his voice back after John was born. In the eleventh century, musician Guido of Arezzo noticed something about the melody of that hymn. The first note of each phrase begins one pitch higher than the preceding one, spelling out the first six notes of the scale. As you can see, the Latin syllables associated with them are ut-re-mi-fa-sol-la. Guido gave the pitches those names, based on the hymn to John the Baptist. The first letters of the final two words (Sancte Ioannes) eventually gave the name to the seventh pitch, originally called "si". It was later altered to "ti"—just as "ut" was changed to "do"—probably because it was more pleasing to the ear. The hymn is still part of the official Evening Prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. Near the longest day of the year, when the sun starts its descent, the notes mark their ascent. John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He must increase; but I must decrease" (John 3:30). As the decreasing light of day recalls the birth of John the Baptist, the ascending notes of the scale, point the way toward Jesus Christ.

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**:

- ✧ 30 de Noviembre ~ NO Clases
- ✧ 07 de Diciembre ~ Clases Regulares

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.



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



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Los Ministros Eucarísticos se reúnen trimestralmente; la próxima vez será el sábado 13 de diciembre a las 11:00 en la Iglesia. Esta invitado a asistir si es Ministro Eucarístico actual o si usted le gustaría ser parte de este ministerio esencial. Para más información llamar a la Oficina Parroquial. Si actualmente es Ministro Eucarístico y no asistió a una de estas sesiones, por favor pase en la Sacristía para recoger la información. Es importante que usted revise y siga estas guías.

