



## 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 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.
- ✧ 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) ~

### 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 13 & 14 ~ Retired Religious & Clergy

**BAPTISM CLASS:** If you plan to baptize your child or be the godparent of a baptism you must participate in a Baptism Preparation Class. Please call the Parish Office, 505- 247-4271, to reserve your spot in the class.

Our next class is Saturday, December 13, from 10am to 12 noon in the Basement Parish Hall. If you are planning to baptize your child, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate with you.

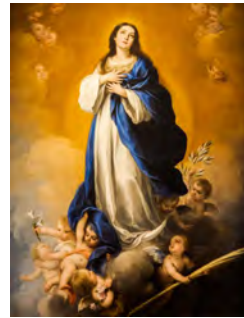
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the **third Sunday of each month, at 2pm.** You must complete the baptism preparation class before baptizing your child or becoming a godparent.



### Advent Penance Services

December 9th at 6p.m. at San Felipe de Neri 2005 N Plaza St NW, 87104

December 15th at 6p.m. at Holy Rosary 5415 Fortuna Rd NW, 87105



On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in

the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13).

Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.**

### Celebration to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe

Let us show our love for the Mother of Jesus. On Friday, December 12, we will celebrate Mass at 12:10pm. And Spanish Mass at 6pm. Reception will follow in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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/Draul49g2VrkX5bQ8>

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



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14 2025  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

### **Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10*

The Lord will save his people.

### **Second Reading:** *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

### **Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

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Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 06, Vigil of <a href="#">Second Sunday of Advent</a>	
4pm	+ Naomi & Robert Santiago + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, December 07, <a href="#">Second Sunday of Advent</a>	
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
Monday, December 08, <a href="#">Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</a>	
7am	For the People of the Parish
12:10pm	+ Joe, Helen & Petrita Gallegos + Leyba family members + Reyna, Zenaida & Andres Martinez
6pm	Healing for anyone with an illness
Tues., December 09, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent</a> ; Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	
7am	Claudia Montoya ~ Health
Wed., December 10, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent</a> ; Our Lady of Loreto	
12:10pm	Victoria Pruitt ~ Health & Recovery
Thursday, December 11, <a href="#">Thursday of the Second Week of Advent</a> ; Saint Damasus I, Pope	
7am	For the Intention of the Children & the elderly
Friday, December 12, <a href="#">Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</a>	
12:10pm	Claudia Montoya ~ Health Eric Weiss ~ Birthday + Cynthia Ranke
6pm	Por las Familias Inmigrantes
Sat., December 13, <a href="#">Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</a>	
7am	For Peace in Jerusalem
Saturday, December 13, Vigil of <a href="#">Third Sunday of Advent</a>	
4pm	Claudia Montoya~ Health + John Fitzpatrick
Sunday, December 14, <a href="#">Third Sunday of Advent</a>	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Leslie Niece
12:30pm Spanish	Por Paz en la Comunidad



## 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**



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 has completed its reading of *Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America*, by John J. Fialka. Their next book is not yet selected



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### **Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- ❖ December 07 ~ Regular Classes
- ❖ December 14 ~ Regular Classes

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



Religious Ed celebrated 'Christ the King', giving their hearts to Jesus...and did a 'Thanksgiving' food drive.



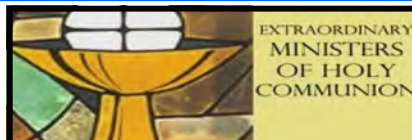
### **MONTHLY SAWMILL SOCIAL**

On Thursday, December 18, parishioners will gather at the Sawmill Food Court for their monthly get together. All are welcome to join in, at 11:30am. Just pick up your lunch at your favorite Sawmill eatery and look for a table of ICC parishioners.



### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

meet quarterly; next time will be Saturday, December 20, 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.

For more information, call the Parish Office

### **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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 63,384.99</b>

#### **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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 79,363.88</b>

### Thank You for Supporting iGive Catholic!

We are thrilled to share that, thanks to the generosity of our amazing community, **Saint Mary's Catholic School raised \$3,710.00** during **iGive Catholic!** ☑☑

Our students' excitement from **Penny Wars** carried through to this special day of giving, and every gift—big or small—helps support classroom improvements, student experiences, and our school mission.

We are deeply grateful to our families, alumni, parishioners, and local supporters for coming together to make a difference. Your generosity ensures that Saint Mary's continues to provide a faith-filled, academically excellent environment for our students.

Thank you for investing in our children and our community!



### 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](mailto: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

## 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

The Knights will only be selling burritos during the weekends of December 14th. Each burrito will be available for just \$4.00. We look forward to seeing you and are incredibly grateful for all your support. Your participation helps us make a difference in our community. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful initiative!

Yours in Christ, Kenneth Pruitt, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus Council #15788



## 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)

### **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](mailto: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. Thanks to a generous gift from Leslie Niece's estate, we should be able to complete this installation in early 2026.

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.



The Knight's of Columbus Sock & Coat Drive will end on Sunday Dec. 14 please place the items in the boxes labeled Knights of Columbus near the back exits of the church.



### 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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Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

### "O" Antiphons

Yes, you read the title right. That's "O" the letter of the alphabet that most reminds us of breakfast cereal, tires, doughnuts, hula-hoops, no-hitters, and Advent. In many parishes, "O" is the first word said in the new Church year. Actually, we sing it in Advent's most popular song, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." It announces the season that anticipates the coming of Christ at Christmas. This hymn, which tells us Advent is starting, used to announce that Advent was ending.

The last eight days of Advent form a little "season" all by themselves. As the Church prepares for the birthday of Christ, the liturgy gets more intense. At daily Mass, the Gospels relate the events leading up to the first Christmas. At Evening Prayer, we have a special series of antiphons that beckon the Messiah to come. Each night gives him a new name, drawn from the Old Testament. "O Wisdom," "O Sacred Lord," "O Flower of Jesse's Stem," "O Key of David," "O Radiant Dawn," "O King of All Nations," and the greatest of them all, "O Emmanuel," a name that means "God is with us."

For reasons that will be immediately obvious, we call that group of refrains the O Antiphons, a hallmark of Advent, and a collection of music our church has treasured for many generations. The Mass now includes a version of them as the alleluia verses for the same eight days before Christmas. By the Middle Ages, those seven antiphons got strung together into a popular hymn.

The last one became verse one, and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" was born. Thus, the antiphon originally established for the last evening before Christmas Eve is now often sung to begin Advent. That "O," of course, simply tells us that we're talking to someone. It's like saying, "Hey, you." Only more politely. But "O" reminds us of much more. It make us think of something having no beginning and no end. Like love or an Advent wreath. It resembles the shape of our mouth and the sound we make when we face a mystery we cannot fully comprehend.

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Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 07 de Diciembre ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 14 de Diciembre ~ Clases Regulares

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



Los Ministros Eucarísticos se reúnen trimestralmente; la próxima vez será el sábado 20 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.

Evangelización ICA

Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque

AGAPE!

AGAPE: Un encuentro semanal los Jueves de 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

unidos en un proceso de formación católica, fomentado la unidad y la hermandad en el amor cristiano a través de la alabanza, la oración y la caridad, apoyados en el Magisterio de la Iglesia, la tradición Apostólica y la Bendita Palabra de Dios.

Si vives por el área y no tienes comunidad, te invitamos todos los jueves en el templo de la parroquia. Para más información por favor comuníquese con Claudia Hannigan (505) 203-3302 o con Ana Araujo (505) 524-7236

### Celebración en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Demostremos nuestro amor por la Madre de Jesús.

El viernes 12 de diciembre celebraremos una misa a las 12:10 p. m. y también habrá una misa a las 6pm. Habrá una recepción después de la última misa en el salón 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. Gracias a una generosa donación de los herederos de Leslie Niece, deberíamos poder completar la instalación a principios de 2026.

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.



En el Marco de la la Solemnidad de la fiesta de a Cristo Rey con mucha alegría concluimos nuestro retiro Nueva Vida y entramos en este nuevo año litúrgico en el tiempo de adviento 2025 convencidos de querer seguir a Jesús en el disimulado. Estamos totalmente agradecidos con nuestro Pastor Fr, Steve Rosera por permitirnos vivir esta experiencia maravillosa con la cual se han bendecido nuestras vidas y la de nuestras familias, agradecemos también a Fr, Stephen por su ayuda oficiando la misa de clausura de nuestro retiro. Gracias por su apoyo Fr, Steve lo queremos y lo respetamos y estamos para servir en los ministerios litúrgicos que nos necesite. Viva Cristo Rey!

~Evangelización ICA