



## 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, OLVM, 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 27 & 28 ~ Renovation

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

+Timothy Padilla: On Thurs. Dec. 18, Visitation will be at 9am, the Rosary will be prayed at 9:30am, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am at Immaculate Conception. Burial will take place right after at a Santa Fe National Cemetery

+ Luisa Lucero: On Sat. Dec. 20, Viewing at 8:30am. Rosary will be prayed at 9am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Burial will take place right after at Mt. Cavalry

+ Emma Del Frate: On Mon. Dec. 22, Rosary will be prayed at 9am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Burial will take place right after at Mt. Cavalry.



### Advent Penance Services

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



### Thank you

Thank you to all parishioners who were able to attend the parish Advent Mission. A very special thanks to our guest speaker, Abbot Emeritus Joel Garner from the Norbertine Community. He shared with us how we can truly bring "Advent Alive" in our

hearts. May our hearts be refreshed in the joy and wonder of this special season. Have a blessed Advent.



### Thank you to the Leslie Neice Estate!

Many thanks to the estate of Leslie Neice, a long-time parishioner here at Immaculate Conception for the generous gift of \$30,000 received last week. This contribution will enable us to complete the installation of the new organ, which will serve as a memorial to Leslie and to all those who have supported the project. God Bless You!

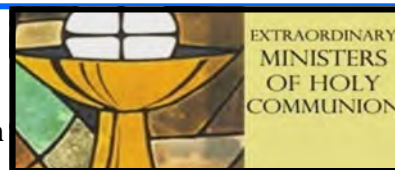
### MONTHLY SAWMILL SOCIAL



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

The next Theology on Film will be on Thursday, December 18th in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Food and Fellowship at 6:30 PM, film at 7:00 PM.

The December feature will be "Fred Claus" Storyline: Fred Claus, Santa's bitter older brother, is forced to move to the North Pole to help Santa and the elves prepare for Christmas in exchange for cash.



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21 2025  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 1:18-24*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

Mass Intentions	
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
Monday, December 15, <a href="#">Monday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
12:10pm	+ Lena Trujillo
Tues., December 16, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
7am	Prayers for the solution of homelessness
Wed., December 17, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
12:10pm	+ Mary Benvenuti
Thursday, December 18, <a href="#">Thursday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
7am	For the Youth of Our Parish
Friday, December 19, <a href="#">Friday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
12:10pm	+ Jonathan Sofia Baca
Sat., December 20, <a href="#">Saturday of the Third Week of Advent</a>	
7am	+ Moises S. Zamora ~ Birthday
Saturday, December 20, Vigil of <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Advent</a>	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Felix Jesus Casados ~ Repose of his Soul
Sunday, December 21, <a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Advent</a>	
8am	+ Lucas Montoya
10am	Tony Martinez ~ Birthday + Ron Lee Gonzales ~ Anniversary + Juanita Silva ~ Birthday
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia

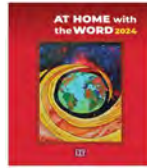
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## Ongoing Activities

### 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 has completed its reading of *Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America*, by John J. Fialka. Their



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### Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- ✧ December 14 ~ Regular Classes
- ✧ December 21 ~ Regular Classes

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



Francis House needs your support

- Our guest' most requested items are **socks and underwear**: If you are hosting a gathering please consider organizing a new sock and underwear drive to benefit Francis House

Other Wishlist Items:

- Your donations of gently used blankets
- Athletic shoes
- Men's winter coats
- Unisex sweatpants and men's jeans sizes 32, 34 and 36
- Tampons and pads are also greatly appreciated.

### Substitute Soup and Sandwich Makers Needed

We are looking for substitute soup and sandwich makers. If you are interested in helping o be a soup or sandwich substitute text Secretary Stella Lavis at (505) 448-5748.

Francis House is located at: 8016 A Zuni Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

You can contact them at (505) 489-8100



### INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

#### PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

Weekly Collections	\$ 39,378.00
Rental Income	3,300.00
All Souls Day	743.00
Candles	2,643.00
Casa de las Comunidades	80.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	1,249.23
Fees - Sacramental	1,040.00
Fee- Religious Ed	0.00
Francis House	2,360.00
Flowers and Mass Stipends	705.00
Pipe Organ Donation	150.00
Bread & Blessings	725.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,300.00
Rejuvenation	1,579.00
St. Mary's School	2,162.00
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development	2,323.00
Coffee Ministry	0.00
ACA Rebate	9,337.50
Books for sale	125.00
ACA	305.50
Total Income	\$ 69,505.23

#### NOVEMBER 2025 EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	3,494.47
Religious Education	3,042.32
School Support	5,261.07
Clergy Administration	7,608.23
Parish Administration	14,944.11
Mass Stipends paid	228.50
HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese	1,118.37
Building and Land Operations	10,052.82
Organ (from income generated in previous months)	8,319.19
Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet	13,806.92
Ministries - Includes Designated Donations	5,912.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 73,788.00



**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.



**Alumni Mass – Save the Date!**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026 • 8:30 AM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

We joyfully invite all **Saint Mary's Alumni** of any year to return home for a special Mass celebrating the many decades of students, families, and traditions that make our community so strong. Whether you graduated last year or many years ago, you are a cherished part of our story.

Join us as we come together in prayer, gratitude, and fellowship — honoring the past, celebrating the present, and looking with hope toward the future of Saint Mary's Catholic School.

Please **spread the word** and invite fellow alumni, friends, and families who have been touched by the mission of Saint Mary's. Let's fill the church with Cougar pride and the spirit of community!

We look forward to welcoming you back home.

*~ 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 & 21st. 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.



Contact the Parish Office, 505-247-4271, and ask for Fr. Steve, to make plans for a baptism, a wedding, or a funeral.



### 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 message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

### Immaculate Conception

"The Immaculate Conception" is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholics erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus. Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of December 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the Feast of the Birth of Mary, September 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way, we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus. Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a widespread following in the Church's tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the Church until 1854. December 8 is now a holyday of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary's patronage with this title. When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted Queen of Heaven who manifests God's power over sin.

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Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 14 de Diciembre ~ Clases Regulares

✧ 21 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 mas información por favor comuníquese con Claudia Hannigan (505) 203-3302 o con Ana Araujo (505) 524-7236

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.*



### 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.



Francis House necesita tu apoyo.

- Los artículos más solicitados por nuestros huéspedes son calcetines y ropa interior. Si organizas una reunión, considera organizar una colecta de calcetines y ropa interior nuevos para beneficiar a Francis House.

Otros artículos de la lista de deseos:

- Donaciones de mantas en buen estado.
- Calzado deportivo.
- Abrigos de invierno para hombre.
- Pantalones deportivos unisex y pantalones para hombre tallas 32, 34 y 36.
- También agradecemos enormemente los tampones y las toallas sanitarias.



**Se necesitan personas que preparen sopas y sándwiches.**

Buscamos personas que preparen sopas y sándwiches. Si te interesa ayudar como sustituto de sopas o sándwiches, envía un mensaje de texto a la secretaria Stella Lavis al (505) 448-5748.

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