



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 ~

Office Administrator: Karime Ramirez

MASS SCHEDULE:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, & Friday—12:10pm
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday —7am
- ✧ First Friday of each month—7am and 12:10pm
- ✧ SUNDAY LITURGIES:
 - ✧ Saturday—4pm;
 - ✧ Sunday—8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (SPANISH).

CONFESSIONS:

- ✧ Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon; and
- ✧ By appointment. Call (505) 247-4271 to make an appointment.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- ✧ December 27 & 28 ~ Renovation
- ✧ January 3 & 4~ St. Vincent de Paul

May They Rest in Peace~ Let us keep our recently deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers.
 + 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.
 + Nellie Peralta: On Saturday Jan. 03, Rosary will be prayed at 9am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10am.

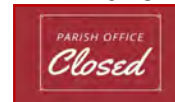


Holy Days/ Holiday Mass Schedule

- ✧ Wed. December 24: Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm & Christmas Eve Mass at 8pm
- ✧ Thurs. December 25: Masses at 8am, 10am & 12:30pm (Spanish)
- ✧ Thurs. January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass at 9am

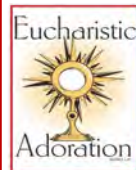
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- ✧ Wednesday December 24th, Thursday 25 & Friday 26th
- ✧ Thursday January 01 & Friday January 02, 2026



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~

Jesus is waiting for you. Consider giving him one hour on First Friday, January 2, 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.



Married Couples Retreat

Domestic Church – United States

Married couples are invited to a relaxing and revitalizing weekend retreat focused on growing together in marriage and spiritual life.



Dates: January 9–11, 2026

Location: UNM Newman Center Parish Hall
1815 Las Lomas Rd., Albuquerque, NM

Schedule:

Begins Friday at 6:00 PM (Jan 9)

Ends Sunday at 3:45 PM (Jan 11)

Cost: \$80 per couple (meals included; scholarships available)

No overnight lodging provided.

This retreat is offered by **Domestic Church**, a movement inspired by Pope Saint John Paul II that supports sacramental married couples and families.

Register: www.domesticchurchfamilies.com/retreats

Questions?

Contact Garrett and Margo Wilson

santafe@domesticchurchfamilies.com

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 28 2025
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Sirach 3:2-7,12-14*

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5*

Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)*

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:13-15,19-23*

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

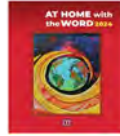
Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 20, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Felix Jesus Casados ~ Repose of his Soul
Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent	
8am	+ Lucas Montoya + Jeffrey & Joseph Geoffrey Wooten + Manuel G. Trujillo
10am	Tony Martinez ~ Birthday + Ron Lee Gonzales ~ Anniversary + Juanita Silva ~ Birthday
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, December 22, Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent	
12:10pm	Roy & Dora Dominguez ~ Health + Mary Benvenuti + Consuelo Whitehouse ~ Repose of her Soul
Tues., December 23, Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent ; Saint John of Kantry, Priest	
7am	+ Marcello Martinez
Wed., December 24, Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent	
4:00pm	Deceased & Living Family & Friends of Ron & Debbie Garcia + Larry Gutierrez
8:00pm	For the Intention of ICC Priests & Deacons For the Intention of ICC Rel. Ed Children, Catechists & their families + Matthew Paz
Thursday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	
8am	For the People of Our Parish
10am	For the People of Our Parish
12:20pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Friday, December 26, Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr	
12:10pm	Pilar Sanchez ~ Birthday + Sally Armijo ~ Anniversary
Sat., December 27, Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	
7am	For the Intention of ICC Priests + Gene Sandoval ~ Birthday
Saturday, December 27, Vigil of Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + David Rusk ~ Repose of his Soul
Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Thelma Sice-Romero + John Fitzpatrick ~ Anniversary + Sean Foley ~ Repose of his Soul
12:30pm Spanish	For the Intention of ICC Rel. Ed Children & families Deceased & living family of Victor & Jennie Garcia Deceased & living family of Michael & Pauline Salata

Ongoing Activities

AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, will take a break for the next two Wednesday's. You are welcome to join us back on January 7th, 2026 from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the Rectory.

We use LTP's *At Home with the Word*, 2026.



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 next "book" will be Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which is available for download in multiple languages at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost-exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html>.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

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

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

Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala

You are invited to the **Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala**, a special evening benefiting Catholic education through the Archbishops' School Fund. This elegant fundraiser brings our community together in support of Catholic schools and the students they serve.

This year's gala will **honor Father Steve Rosera** in gratitude for his faithful service, and commitment to Catholic education.

Tickets:

- Individual Ticket: **\$150**
- Table of 10: **\$1,500**

To purchase tickets, please visit: asfcatholicschools.org/2025-archbishops-school-fund-dinner

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, your generous contribution will make a lasting impact on Catholic schools and their students.

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)

Knights of Columbus

Burrito program- The Burrito Program will take place this Sunday, the 21st. We'll be serving Carne Adovada burritos as well as bean-and-cheese.

This program will continue on the first and third week-ends of every month. In January, the dates will be Sunday, January 4th, and Sunday, January 18th.

We'll also have our classic breakfast burritos available: bacon, egg, potato, and green chile, along with a veggie breakfast option in January.

Coat and Sock Drive -We are extending our **Coat and Sock Drive** through the end of December so we can reach our goal and ensure no one in our community goes without warmth this winter. Thanks to your generosity, we've received several children's coats. We are still in great need of **adult coats and socks**, which are urgently requested by those we serve. All donated items will go directly to **Bread and Blessings**, along with **cases of water**, which this ministry goes through quickly while caring for our neighbors in need. Your kindness truly makes a difference. If you're able, please consider contributing—every single item helps bring comfort, dignity, and hope to someone this season.



Christmas Cheer from Our Council!



This Christmas Season, our Council is delighted to share a special gift with you — **FREE Christmas ornaments!** That's right... a little token of joy and gratitude from us to you. We'll have a Knights of Columbus table set up in the back of the church on **Christmas Eve**, filled with ornaments for you to take home. If we have any remaining, the table will stay up on **Christmas Day** as well. This is our way of saying **thank you** for your incredible support throughout the year — from your generous donations to your enthusiasm for the Burrito Program and so much more. Your kindness keeps our ministries thriving. Please stop by, choose an ornament, and let us share a bit of Christmas cheer with you and your family.



Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas Season!



The Jubilee Prayer 2025



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Lectors meet quarterly.
Our next meeting will be on
Saturday, January 03,
at 11am in the Church.

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



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.



Christmas in January

When does Christmas end? It depends. If you are asking about the social celebration in the United States, it comes to an end on Christmas Day. Stores take down their decorations. "After-Christmas" sales begin. Holiday music disappears from radio stations. And in many homes, people pull down the tree, package up the manger, and tuck away the stockings.

Food is about the only thing left. You'll probably still have Christmas cookies and leftovers from the big family dinner. But otherwise, evidence of Christmas goes into hiding until sometime next autumn.

It's different at church. Most Catholic churches in the United States will leave their Christmas decorations up through the end of the liturgical Christmas season, which extends from Christmas Day through the Solemnities of Mary, Mother of God (January 1); Epiphany (the following Sunday); and the Baptism of the Lord (usually the Sunday after Epiphany, but in some years the very next day). The priest and deacon will switch from white vestments to green ones when Ordinary Time begins in earnest after observing the Baptism of the Lord. This is why you may still see poinsettias and other decorations lasting well into January—but only at church. The decorations are one way that we express our complete belief in the meaning of this day. We have too much to celebrate on December 25. To grasp the full meaning of that day, we extend Christmastime well into January. You could do the same at your home. Leave some decorations in place—both inside and outside the house. Let your home be a place where Christmas is too big to be restricted to one day. Let the spirit of the season extend into the New Year, spreading its joy that Christ is born for us.

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

- ✧ 21 de Diciembre ~ Clases Regulares
- ✧ 28 de Diciembre ~ NO Clases
- ✧ 04 de Enero ~ NO Clases

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

Los lectores se reúnen trimestralmente. Nuestra próxima reunión será el sábado 03 de Enero a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia.



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

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.



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.

Francis House esta ubicado en: 8016 A Zuni Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Comuníquese al (505) 489-8100

Los Caballeros de Colon

Programa de Burritos: El Programa de Burritos se llevará a cabo este domingo 21. Serviremos burritos de Carne Adobada, así como de frijoles con queso.

Este programa continuará el primer y tercer fin de semana de cada mes. En enero, las fechas serán los domingos 4 y 18 de enero.

También tendremos disponibles nuestros clásicos burritos de desayuno: tocino, huevo, papa y chile verde, además de una opción vegetariana para el desayuno.

Recolección de Abrigos y Calcetines: Extendemos nuestra Recolección de Abrigos y Calcetines hasta finales de diciembre para alcanzar nuestra meta y asegurar que nadie en nuestra comunidad se quede sin abrigo este invierno.

Gracias a su generosidad, hemos recibido varios abrigos para niños. Seguimos necesitando abrigos y calcetines para adultos, que nos solicitan con urgencia quienes atendemos.

Todos los artículos donados irán directamente a Pan y Bendiciones, junto con las cajas de agua, que este ministerio procesa rápidamente mientras atiende a nuestros vecinos necesitados. Su generosidad realmente marca la diferencia. Si puede, considere contribuir; cada artículo ayuda a brindar consuelo, dignidad y esperanza a alguien en esta época.



¡Alegría Navideña de Nuestro Consejo!



Esta Navidad, nuestro Consejo se complace en compartir un regalo especial: ¡adornos navideños GRATIS! Así es... una pequeña muestra de alegría y gratitud de nuestra parte.

En Nochebuena, tendremos una mesa de los Caballeros de Colón en la parte trasera de la iglesia, llena de adornos para que se los lleven a casa. Si nos sobran, la mesa permanecerá allí también el día de Navidad.

Esta es nuestra manera de agradecerles su increíble apoyo durante todo el año, desde sus generosas donaciones hasta su entusiasmo por el Programa de Burritos y mucho más. Su generosidad impulsa el progreso de nuestros ministerios.

Por favor, visítenos, elija un adorno y permítanos compartir un poco de alegría navideña con usted y su familia.

✨ ¡Les deseamos una Navidad llena de bendiciones y alegría! 🎁



Oración del Jubileo 2025

Padre que estás en el cielo, la *fe* que nos has donado en tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano, y la llama de *caridad* infundida en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, despierten en nosotros la bienaventurada *esperanza* en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas del Evangelio que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos, en espera confiada de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva, cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal, se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo reavive en nosotros, *Peregrinos de Esperanza*, el anhelo de los bienes celestiales y derrame en el mundo entero la alegría y la paz de nuestro Redentor. A ti, Dios bendito eternamente, sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos.
Amén.