



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, Hospital 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:

- ✧ January 3 & 4~ St. Vincent de Paul
- ✧ January 10 & 11~ St. Mary's School

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



+ Nellie Peralta: On Saturday Jan. 03, Rosary will be prayed at 9am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10am.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- ❖ Thursday January 01 & Friday January 02, 2026



Holy Days/ Holiday Mass Schedule

- ✧ Wed. December 31: Mass at 12:10pm & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 4pm
- ✧ Thurs. January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass at 9am

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.



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

Epiphany Prayer Concert

Join us for a beautiful Epiphany Prayer Concert presented by the Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir on Sunday **January 4th, 2026 from 4pm-5pm at Holy Family Church** located at 562 Atrisco Rd SW 87105

This prayerful concert will reflect on the birth of Christ through Sacred Scripture and song, and will include a sing-along of beloved Christmas carols. The Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the Church's rich musical treasures and is a Trusted Partner in Ministry within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. All are welcome! Please join us for an evening of prayer, music and reflection

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, January 10, 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.**



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



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 04, 2026
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13
Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

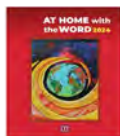
Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 27, Vigil of Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Felix Jesus Casados ~ Repose of his Soul
Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	+ Thelma Sice-Romero + 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
Monday, December 29, The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	
12:10pm	For the Intention of Betty Sanchez For the Intention of Dora Gonzalez For the Health of Claudia Montoya
Tues., December 30, The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	
7am	+ Mary E. Zamora
Wed., December 31, The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; Saint Sylvester I, Pope	
12:10pm	+ Mary Benvenuti
4pm	Special Intention for Cora Ogilvie Special Intention for Natalie Williamson & Family Special Intention for Anita Tapia & Family
Thursday, January 01, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord	
9am	For the People of the Parish
Friday, January 02, Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	
7am	+ Isabel M. & Bingo Martinez
12:10pm	J.R. Crespín ~ Health Roy & Dora Dominguez ~ Health Tori Pruitt ~ Health & Recovery
Sat., January 03, Christmas Weekday ; The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
7am	+ Lucas Montoya ~ Birthday
Saturday, January 03, Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord	
4pm	Thanksgiving to St. Carlo Acutis
Sunday, January 04, The Epiphany of the Lord	
8am	+ Soledad Trujillo
10am	For the People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Intención de Oscar Alejandro Medrano Lopez

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 28~ NO Classes
- ✧ January 04 ~ NO 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

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.



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 continue on the first and third weekends 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 -Thank you for your generous sock and coat donations in support of our Knights of Columbus Coat and Sock Drive. As Brother Knights and parish families committed to charity and service, your contributions truly embody the spirit of our Order. As we enter the final days of this initiative, we urgently ask that any remaining donations be placed in the bins at the back of the church or delivered to the parish office **no later than Sunday, January 4th**. Your timely response ensures we can provide warmth and dignity to those who need it most during these winter months. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, thank you once again for your steadfast generosity and for standing with us in our mission to strengthen our parish and uplift our community.

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



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.

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.



Epiphany on Sunday

On many calendars, Epiphany falls on January 6,
but the Catholic Church in the United States
celebrates it on whatever date Sunday falls during
the week of January 2.

Epiphany means “manifestation,” and it celebrates the
day that the infant Jesus revealed his divinity to the
Magi. Traditionally, this event is connected with two
others from the Gospels: the Baptism of Jesus and the
Wedding at Cana. In all these events, the mystery of
Christ became more manifest. The Magi, coming from
the East, signify that gentile nations—not just Jewish
nations—were coming to recognize Jesus as the savior
of the world.

The Bible does not indicate on what day the magi visit-
ed—nor, for that matter, on what day Jesus was born.
January 6 was probably chosen for this observance as
an alternative for early Christians living in a culture
where pagans already commemorated the birth of a
sun god on the same day.

The day, the twelfth day of Christmas, gave rise to a
host of customs, as well as a popular Christmas carol.
The biblical event is so important that the Catholic
Church lists Epiphany among the solemnities that
may be designated holy days of obligation. Episcopal
conferences determine local holy days, and in the
United States, January 6 was never included. In any
country where Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation,
the observance moves to a Sunday so that it may be
celebrated by the entire Catholic community. The
transfer of Epiphany to a Sunday has the disadvantage
of dividing the celebration among various Christian
Churches of the world, but the advantage of helping the
entire Catholic community proclaim and celebrate the
meaning of the coming of Christ.

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

✧ 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

Clase de Bautismo: Si planea bautizar a su hijo/a o ser el padrino de un bautismo usted debe participar en una Clase de preparación para el bautismo. Por favor marque a la oficina parroquial para reservar su lugar en la clase (505) 247-4271. Nuestra próxima clase es el sábado 10 de Enero, de 10 a.m.-12 p.m. en el Sótano dentro de la iglesia. Si usted está planeando bautizar a su hijo/a, traiga una copia del certificado de nacimiento del niño con usted. El Sacramento del Bautismo se celebra el **tercer Domingo de cada mes, a las 2:00 p.m.** Debe completar la clase de preparación para el bautismo antes de bautizar a su hijo/a o ser padrino.



Devociones del primer viernes ~

Jesús te está esperando. Considere darle una hora el primer viernes, 02 de enero, 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.

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: 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.

Concierto de Oración de Epifanía

Acompáñenos a un hermoso Concierto de Oración de Epifanía presentado por el Coro Católico de Mujeres de Albuquerque el **domingo 4 de enero de 2026, de 4:00 a 5:00pm, en la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia**, ubicada en 562 Atrisco Rd SW 87105.

Este concierto de oración reflexionará sobre el nacimiento de Cristo a través de las Sagradas Escrituras y el canto, e incluirá una sesión de villancicos navideños.

El Coro Católico de Mujeres de Albuquerque es una organización sin fines de lucro dedicada a preservar y compartir los ricos tesoros musicales de la Iglesia y es un Socio de Confianza en el Ministerio dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Únase a nosotros para una noche de oración, música y reflexión.

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.*