

## Welcome to our Parish Community!

#### **OUR PASTORAL TEAM**

- ← Fr. Steve Rosera, Pastor;
- Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- ♦ Fr. Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem., Parochial Vicar;
- ♦ Fr. Evaristus Chukwu, UNMH Chaplain;
- ♦ Deacon Stephen Sais,
- Deacon Don Roseborough, Emeritus;
- Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal, St. Mary's School;
- ♦ Sr. Teresa Aparicio, OLVM, and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordinators of Faith Formation; and
- Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open: Monday—Friday: 10am-3:30pm;

Saturday: 9am -4pm

619 Copper Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: ICCABQ.org ~

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:** 

❖ September 13 & 14 ~ Seminarian Support

#### ~May They Rest in Peace~

Tony Sigala. Services on Saturday, September 13. Rosary at 9:00 AM, Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM. Both at Immaculate Conception Church, Albuquerque. Burial TBD.

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 <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 13</u>, from 10am to 12 <u>noon</u> 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



**SHOWTIME!!!** The September feature will be "I Can Only Imagine" (2018) In 1996, in Algeria, eight French monks of The Monastery Notre-Dame de l'Atlas of Tibhirine have a simple life serving the poor community that was raised around the monastery. During the Algerian Civil

War, they are threatened by terrorists but they decide to stay in the country and not return to France.

When: September 11th, 6:30pm mealtime/ 7:00pm show-time

Where: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (entrance on Copper)

The Knights will only be selling burritos during the weekends of September 7th & 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

#### MONTHLY SAWMILL SOCIAL

On Thursday, September 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.

#### 5th Annual Prayer Service for Suicide Awareness



Mark you calendars for Monday, September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, for our 5th Annual Prayer Service for Suicide Awareness from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and remembrance for those whose lives have been touched by suicide. Weather permitting, the service of readings and

prayers will take place near the south garden (on Copper) where at the end of the service we will place the names of our deceased loved ones on our suicide remembrance tree.

Questions? Contact us at socialmedia@iccabq.org

Program also will be livestreamed via our YouTube channel (Immaculate Conception Church ABQ) and Facebook (Immaculate Conception Albuquerque)

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Next Sunday's Readings from \(\)\\(\)\\(\)\\

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2025 Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

**Responsorial Psalm**; Psalm 78:1–2, 34–34, 36–37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6–11 Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **Background on the Gospel**

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

•	Mass Intentions			
,	Saturday, day in Oro	September 06, Vigil of <u>Twenty-third Sun-dinary Time</u>		
	4pm	+ Naomi & Robert Santiago		
l	Sunday, September 07, <u>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>			
	8am	Souls in Purgatory		
	10am	+ Orlando Montoya ~ Anniversary		
	12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia		
	Monday, S Blessed V	September 08, <u>Feast of the Nativity of the irgin Mary</u>		
	12:10pm	+ Jim Pierson		
L	Tues., Sep Priest	tember 09, <u>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver.</u>		
	7am	Carlos Ramirez ~ Birthday		
	Wed., September 10, Wednesday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time			
	12:10pm	Thanksgiving to Rita Sanchez + Angelica Gonzales		
	Thursday, September 11, Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time			
	7am	For the Unhoused Population		
Friday, September 12, <u>Friday of the Twenty-third</u> <u>Week in Ordinary Time</u> ; The Most Holy Name of				
	12:10pm	Glinda Lujan ~ Healing + James Robert Lewis		
	Sat., Septe	ember 13, <u>Memorial of Saint John Chrysos-op and Doctor of the Church</u>		
	7am	Barbara Michael & the well being of her Family		
Saturday, September 13, Vigil of Feast of the Extion of the Holy Cross				
	4pm	For the Intention of Jeannette Schummer + Benny Sanchez + Abraham Placencio		
	Sunday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross			
	8am	For the People of the Parish		
	10am	For the health and recovery of anyone ill		
	12:30pm Spanish	Por las Almas del Purgatorio		

## Page 3 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 7, 2025

## **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.



#### THE ICC PARISH BOOK GROUP

The ICC Parish Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The group will begin reading

Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America, by John J. Fialka, on Wednesday, September 17. This book is available on Amazon and through other booksellers and your local library.



Important Dates for **Religious Education**:

- ♦ September 7 ~ Regular Classes
- ♦ September 14~ Regular Classes
- ♦ September 21~ Regular Classes



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



1860 Griegos Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Starting with the Fiesta Mass at 10:00 am. The church is located at 1860 Griegos Road in Albuquerque's North Valley. There will be games for the kids, amazing music, and plenty of delicious food. A Silent Auction will take place in the Parish Hall. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase in the Parish Office and will also be sold during the Fiesta. Raffle drawing will be at 9:00 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME......
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
AT 505-345-4596

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Income and Exp For Augus					
Parish Support ~ Includes On-Line Donations					
Weekly Collections	\$	37,946.45			
Rental Income		3,300.00			
Certificates		10.00			
Candles		2,843.50			
Casa de las Comunidades		90.00			
Donations - Miscellaneous		942.01			
Fees - Sacramental		850.00			
Fee- Religious Ed		210.00			
Francis House		2,260.00			
Donation to Coffee Ministry		273.00			
Flowers and Mass Stipends		425.00			
Pipe Organ Donation		24,091.00			
Bread & Blessings		693.00			
St. Vincent de Paul		774.00			
Rejuvenation		2,432.00			
St. Mary's School		1,884.00			
CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Shepherd Center, Human Dev ment		893.00			
ASF Collection for Gaza		345.00			
ACA		205.50			
Total Income	\$	80,467.46			
August 2025 Expenses					
Liturgy and Worship		4,789.59			
Religious Education		5,967.76			
School Support		1,500.00			
Clergy Administration		14,512.67			
Parish Administration		14,745.63			
Pipe Organ Expenses		10,000.00			
HVAC Loan to the Archdioces		1,118.37			
<b>Building and Land Operation</b>		24,430.12			
Utilities– Gas, Water, Electric	, Internet	2,086.37			
Ministries - Includes Designa tions	ted Dona-	991.00			
Total Expenses:	\$	80,141.51			
Total Organ Collections throu 08/31/25	ıgh	33,147.00			
Organ Expenses through 08/	31/25	10,000.00			
Balance Remaining		23,147.00			

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DISCOVER ST. MARY'S! SERVING PRE-K THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

#### Community Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 7th

We invite you and your family to join us for a **Community Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, September 7th**, immediately following the **10:00 AM Mass** in the **Parenti Gym**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish and school families, friends, and neighbors to gather together, share a delicious meal, and celebrate the gift of community.

Our breakfast will feature fluffy pancakes, coffee, and juice—all prepared and served with a smile by volunteers from our parish and school. Whether you are a longtime member of our community or new to St. Mary's, this is the perfect chance to meet new friends, catch up with familiar faces, and enjoy time together in fellowship.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go toward supporting our schools programs that enrich the lives of

our children and families.

Mark your calendars and spread the word—everyone is welcome! Come hungry, bring your loved ones, and let's enjoy a joyful morning of faith, food, and friendship in the Parenti Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Wednesday, **September 10th**, we invite all grand-parents to join us for our school Mass, a beautiful time to pray together and celebrate the gift of family. Following Mass, grandparents will have the chance to visit their grandchild's classroom, see their work, and share in the joy of their school day.

To conclude this special celebration, we welcome all families to gather at Bubba's for a community dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together, enjoy good food, and connect with other St. Mary's families.

Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of

our students, and we look forward to showing our gratitude and love on this special day.



~ by Kristen Dickey - I CC 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, <u>ssais@iccabq.org</u> 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): Anthoney Carrillo anthoneycarrillo@hotmail.com: 505-350-9707

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Bread & Blessing ministry ~ contact Coordinator
   Roberta Montoya at <u>robertacmontoya@gmail.com</u> or call
   the Parish Office.
- $\ \ \square$  *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 underwear; warm beanies, gloves, jackets and blankets (not sheets). We also need soup and sandwich makers (call Linda at 505-515-6241)

Francis House Catholic Worker (FHCW) became a 501 c 3 May 22, 2025. We hope this will allow us to continue serving our unhoused neighbors into the future.

- We can now give you receipts for your donations. If you need a receipt email FHCW Treasurer Steven Clark at <u>francishouse05222025@gmail.com</u>. Include your first and last name, your address, the date and what you donated.
- ♦ We are looking for burrito and posole makers. If you are interested in making 60 bean and cheese burritos any Friday or Saturday delivered warm by 8am or 60 breakfast burritos or 5 gallons of pork posole delivered warm by 8am Sunday text Stella Lavis FHCW Secretary at (505) 448-5748.
- We can always use donations of new men's and women's underwear as well as gently worn men's and women's socks, men's and women's tennis shoes, men's XL t-shirts and men's jeans sizes 30, 32, 34 and 36.
- ♦ Volunteers are also needed to pick up blankets from our friends at St. Vincent De Paul Society. Interested? Text Stella at (505) 448-5748.

Thanks for all you do to support Francis House Catholic Worker!

#### (NEW) 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, is starting up here at Immaculate Conception. The group meets on Wednesdays, at 6:00PM. If you are interested in this opportunity to study the Sacred Scriptures with your fellow parishioners, please try to attend their next meeting, on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 PM in

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the Campion Room (near the Parish Hall).

The Norbertine Community is looking for an Associate Facilities Director. For more information, please contact Ms. Norma Vivian at (505) 873-4399 or Email your resume to

norma@norbertinecommunity.org

#### Be a (Pipe) Organ Donor!



We are only 25% shy of our Pipe Organ Fund drive goal of \$40,000.00! Thanks to several very generous donations this week, over \$20,000 has been donated in this past week alone! THANK YOU to ALL who have so generously supported our effort to replace the pipe organ console. To date we have raised \$33,673.00. The console was lifted into the choir loft this past week! You can see it if you peer into the choir loft. The work ahead consists of the painstaking task of wiring each of the organ keys to the physical pipes.

Our Organ Fund is now available on the Online Giving page, with your mobile phone you can scan the QR Code below or click on it, and it will take you directly to the website

## **Fundraising Goal**





### **AMDG**

The letters "AMDG" sometimes appear as a decoration on architectural features of Catholic buildings. They abbreviate the Latin phrase Ad majorem Dei gloriam, which means "To the greater glory of God." The phrase occurs frequently in the writings of St. Ignatius of Lovola (1491–1556), the founder of the Jesuits. Through it, Ignatius expressed the dedication of his life and work to religious purposes. The phrase recognizes that God has glory and that an individual's work should aim to enhance it. The word "greater" can have more than one meaning. It expresses that the work of Christians contributes to God's glory, as the Body of Christ builds up the Kingdom of God on earth. It also recognizes that the glory of God is greater than any glory assigned to the believer. Christians may win praise for the work that they do, but they devoutly realize that the real praise belongs to God, the giver of all gifts, who enables them to accomplish all things. The Jesuits have encouraged the use of the initials "AMDG" on items ranging from statues of St. Ignatius to the homework assignments of their students. Others have also found inspiration from this motto. It appears on religious medals or other emblems that some Christians wear to help center the activities of their day. Pope John Paul II frequently headed his writings with "AMDG" as a devotional reminder of the purpose of his work. Even Johann Sebastian Bach, a great Lutheran

composer of church music, appended the letters "AMDG" to some of his manuscripts. Wherever the initials appear, they remind us that faithful Christians dedicate their lives, their work, their music, and their buildings to the greater glory of God.

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#### **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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Fechas importantes para la **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**:

- ♦ 7 de septiembre~ Clases regulares
- + 14 de Septiembre ~ Clases regulares
   Para más información, llame a Debbie García al (505)
   385-8303 o a la Hna. 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 13 de Septiembre, 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.



Quinto Servicio Anual de Oración para la Concientización sobre el Suicidio



Anoten en sus calendarios el lunes 15 de septiembre, Memorial de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, para nuestro Quinto Servicio Anual de Oración para la Concientización sobre el Suicidio de 6:00pm-7:30pm. Acompáñennos en una noche de oración, reflexión y conmemoración por

aquellos cuyas vidas han sido afectadas por el suicidio. Si el tiempo lo permite, el servicio de lecturas y oraciones se llevará a cabo cerca del jardín sur (en Copper), donde al final del servicio colocaremos los nombres de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos en nuestro árbol conmemorativo del suicidio.

¿Preguntas? Contáctenos en socialmdia@iccabq.org

El programa también se transmitirá en vivo a través de nuestro canal de YouTube (Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción ABQ) y Facebook (Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque).

# Evangelización ICA Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque AGAPE!

Encuentro: Jueves 11 de Septiembre 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.



La Alegría de la Alabanza La Alegría De El Alimento De La Palabra De Dios La Alegría de La Oración La Alegría Del Kerigma

AGAPE: Un encuentro semanal 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 de las 7:00p.m.–9:00p.m. 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.

You are invited to be a part of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Want to learn more about our Catholic Faith? Are you an adult:

- •Or do you know someone who is asking about the catholic church?
- •Needing to be baptized?
- •Wanting to be confirmed?
- •Looking to complete their Sacraments, and come into full communion with the church?
- Baptized in another faith and discerning the Catholic faith?
- •Just wanting to know more about your faith?

## Classes meet weekly on Monday's starting September 22, 2025 from 6pm-7:30pm



For more information call the Parish Office at (505) 247-4271,

To Register for RCIA ~ Complete this form and return it to the Parish Office

You can also turn this form in the first day of the classes.

Name:		
Phone #:		
Address:		
Email Address:		

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¿Estás buscando una Iglesia que te ayude a nutrir y a crecer en tu fe?

- ¿Quieres aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica? Eres un adulto que:
- •¿Conoces a alguien que esté preguntando sobre la Iglesia católica?
- •¿Necesitas bautizarte?
- •¿Quieres confirmarte?
- •¿Quieres completar los sacramentos y entrar en plena comunión con la Iglesia?
- •¿Te bautizaste en otra fe y estás discerniendo la fe católica?
- •¿Solo quieres saber más sobre tu fe?

## Las clases se reúnen semanalmente los lunes a partir del 22 de septiembre de 2025 de 6:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.



Para más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (505) 247-4271. Para inscribirse en el RCIA: Complete este formulario y devuélvelo a la Oficina Parroquial.

También puede entregar este formulario el primer día de clases.

Nombre:	
Teléfono:	
Dirección:	
Correo Electrónico:	