

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;
- ✧ 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.

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:

- ❖ August 30 & 31 ~ Special Collection for Gaza

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



You are invited to the Sunday morning **fellowship Conversation**.

Come join our small group on **Sunday mornings at 9:15** for a 30 minute informative discussion about a relevant Christian topic. We watch a short video and then we share our reactions. Currently we meet in the church outdoor patio.

Families in Action invite you to join them in their monthly Potluck. This upcoming month they will gather on September 7th at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a meal/drinks to share!



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. 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)

Special Second Collection Next Sunday

for the

People suffering in Gaza. Please read Archbishop John Wester's letter on page 7 of this bulletin. Thank you for your generous support.

Next Sunday's Readings from **LOYOLA PRESS.**



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C August 31, 2025

[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29*

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 68:4-7,10-11*

The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1,7-14*

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

| Mass Intentions | |
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| Saturday, August 23, Vigil of Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 4pm | + John Fitzpatrick + Xavier Garcia ~ 52nd Anniversary |
| Sunday, August 24, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 8am | People of the Parish |
| 10am | + Rosie C. Soto + Agnes Montoya ~ Anniversary |
| 12:30pm Spanish | + Eliazar Chacón |
| Monday, August 25, Monday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 12:10pm | Special Intention Marilyn Cisneros ~ Health |
| Tues., August 26, Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 7am | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed., August 27, Memorial of Saint Monica | |
| 12:10pm | + Isabel Lewis ~ Birthday |
| Thursday, August 28, Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | |
| 7am | J.R. Crespín ~ Health Souls in Purgatory + Criselda Nieto ~ Anniversary |
| Friday, August 29, Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist | |
| 12:10pm | + Sandra Sedillo ~ Anniversary |
| Sat., August 30, Saturday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time | |
| 7am | Barbara Michael & the well being of her Family |
| Saturday, August 30, Vigil of Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 4pm | + Jesus Villalobos ~ Anniversary + John Fitzpatrick + Benny Sanchez |
| Sunday, August 31, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 8am | + Mellie Chavez ~ 4 year Anniversary |
| 10am | For the People of the Parish |
| 12:30pm Spanish | + Sandra Sedillo |

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 is reading Elizabeth

A. Johnson's *Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth*. This book is available on Amazon and through other booksellers. and your local library.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Important Dates for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- ✧ August 31 ~ Regular Classes
- ✧ September 7 ~ Regular Classes

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



20/20 Club

Information & Support for Macular Degeneration & Other Vision Problems

Speakers; Report on Research, Technology & Assistive Devices; Information on Services Available
Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00p.m.
Sandia Presbyterian Church
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE 87122
For more information call (505) 275-9952

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INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR JULY 2025

PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

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| Weekly Collections | \$ 40,640.00 |
| Rental Income | 3,300.00 |
| Certificates | 0.00 |
| Candles | 2,997.55 |
| Articles for Sale | 4.00 |
| Donations - Miscellaneous | 581.16 |
| Fees - Sacramental | 1,200.00 |
| Francis House | 2,740.00 |
| Flowers, Mass Stipends & Hymn Boards | 132.00 |
| Pipe Organ Installation Donation | 2,856.00 |
| Bread & Blessings | 970.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 1,189.00 |
| Rejuvenation | 2,829.00 |
| St. Mary's School | 2,976.00 |
| CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development | 991.00 |
| Casa de las Comunidades | 40.00 |
| ACA | 205.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 63,651.21 |

JULY 2025 EXPENSES

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| Liturgy and Worship | 2,667.53 |
| Religious Education | 1,589.82 |
| School Support | 296.64 |
| Clergy Administration | 5,207.52 |
| Parish Administration | 16,100.45 |
| Mass Stipends paid | 110.00 |
| HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese | 1,118.37 |
| Building and Land Operations | 4,590.43 |
| Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet | 1,316.50 |
| Ministries - Includes Designated Donations | 2,118.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ 35,115.26 |

NEW for Middle School: Life Skills

Thank you, Knights of Columbus!

St. Mary's is excited to announce the launch of our first annual Life Skills class, made possible through a wonderful partnership with the Knights of Columbus and Warehouse 505. We are deeply grateful for their generosity in sharing their time, talents, and professional expertise with our middle school students. Through their guidance, our students will gain valuable, lifelong skills that will serve them well into the future.



On Wednesday, **September 10th**, we invite all grandparents 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 - 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 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 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 francishouse05222025@gmail.com. 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, August 27, at 6:00 PM in the Campion Room (near the Parish Hall).



The Norbertine Community is looking for a **full-time Facilities Manager** and a **part-time Housekeeper**. For more information, please contact **Ms. Norma**

Vivian at **(505) 873-4399** or Email your resume to norma@norbertinecommunity.org

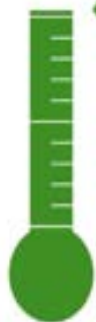
Be a (Pipe) Organ Donor!

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 \$29,302.00. 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**\$40,000**

Raised
\$29,302



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**Homily Feedback**

You critique your homilist all the time. Talking with other parishioners, around the family table, at work, and in your mind repeatedly you've formed a lot of opinions about what your preacher says. But have you ever told a homilist what you think? Most preachers get very little feedback from the assembly. But preachers have ways of finding out what people think. Does the parent of a crying child make any effort to calm the baby? Are people reading the bulletin instead of listening to the talk? Do jokes fall flat? Are some people poised to stand up as soon as the homily ends, like sprinters waiting for the whistle? Preachers have a general idea how attentive the listeners are. But most preachers don't get systematic feedback. And homilists rarely get to hear one another. You may try out several different preachers in the course of a year, but homilists don't. They work on Sundays. If you've got something to say to your homilist, you'd do the whole parish a favor by speaking up. You should say positive things as well as negative ones. And never do it anonymously. Say it in person, on the phone, or write it and sign your name. You'll learn tact and you'll accept responsibility for what you say. Your preacher may want to talk with you about your ideas. Here are some points to consider when you give feedback:

- Communication: Do you get the point of the talk?
- Organization: Does the homily have a beginning, a middle, and an end?
- Scripture: Does the homily help you understand and apply the Scripture?
- Significance: Does the homily touch your life?
- Appearance: Do your preacher's appearance or habits distract you from the message?
- Sincerity: Does your preacher seem to believe the message?
- Audio: Do the sound system and acoustics help you hear?
- Improvement: Is your preacher better now than a year ago?

Only you can change your opinions from idle gossip to helpful dialogue.

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Written by Paul Turner.

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.

Familias en Acción los invita al Convivio que tienen mensualmente. domingo 7 de septiembre a la 1:30pm en el salón parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos! Pueden traer cualquier platillo/bebida para compartir con los demás.



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.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

- ✧ 31 de agosto - Clases regulares
- ✧ 7 de septiembre - Clases regulares

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

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. Acompañenos 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 28 de Agosto 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

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.*

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
OFICINA DEL ARZOBISPO

August 13, 2025

My dear brother priests,

As we are all aware, the situation in Gaza has reached a crisis point as people there are suffering from bombings, constant relocation, lack of medical support, and starvation. Given these facts, I ask that you take up a special collection for our brothers and sisters in Gaza who are in such great need. Please announce this collection for the next three Sundays, August 17, 24 and 31. Then, I ask that you send the money collected for this critical cause as soon as possible to Julie Anne Sanchez at the Pastoral Center. This collection is being urged by our own concern for those in Gaza and by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The donations will be sent by the archdiocese directly to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Each will receive half of what is donated. CNEWA is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded in Gaza. CRS is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies and care for people's emotional well-being. Please explain to our parishioners that their donations will be sent by the archdiocese directly to these two Catholic agencies, thus assuring that the aid will get to those in need in Gaza.

Please continue to remember those in Gaza in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend and daily Masses. Thank you very much for your immediate response as our local Church here in the southwest does what it can to assist our brothers and sisters in Gaza.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archdiocese of Santa Fe