



## 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-Coordinator 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](http://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 16 & 17 ~ Catholic Charities

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.

**Thank you!!!**

Music, worship, games, and food were had at our Deanery C High School Youth Ministry gathering. Thank you to all the high school youth who attended the Deanery C youth ministry barbeque held at Immaculate Conception. We are planning and look forward to our next gathering. In the meantime, spread the word to all High School Students in Deanery C parishes.



The Knights will only be selling burritos during the weekends of August 17th. 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



**SHOWTIME!!!** Get your fedoras and hunger for adventure (and some great food!) ready, our August showing is Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark! Let's kick off the beginning of the school year with a thrilling film and great friends! See you all there!

When: August 14th, 6:30pm mealtime// 7:00pm show-time

Where: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (entrance on Copper)

Families in Action will be selling food in the month of August on Sunday the 10th and 24th after each Mass. This is to fundraise money for future retreats. We invite you to join us and thank you for your contribution. We look forward to seeing you in the parish plaza after Mass.

### MONTHLY SAWMILL SOCIAL

On Thursday, August 21st, 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.



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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time, Cycle C August 17, 2025  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10*

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 40:2-4,18*

A prayer for God's help

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 12:1-4*

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

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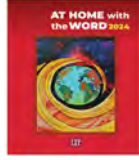
| Mass Intentions  |  |
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| Saturday, August 09, Vigil of <a href="#">Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>           |  |
| 4pm  | + John Fitzpatrick<br>+ Angela Tafoya  |
| Sunday, August 10, <a href="#">Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>                      |  |
| 8am  | Lupe Gonzalez, Mona Martinez & Martinez<br>Family~ Health<br>+ Cecil Soto ~ Repose of their Soul |
| 10am   | For the People of the Parish   |
| 12:30pm<br>Spanish   | Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia  |
| Monday, August 11, <a href="#">Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin</a>                         |  |
| 12:10pm  | For the Intention of Thelma Size-Romero  |
| Tues., August 12, <a href="#">Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time</a>          |  |
| 7am  | Souls in Purgatory   |
| Wed., August 13, <a href="#">Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time</a>         |  |
| 12:10pm  | For the Intention of Father Evaristus<br>+ Janice Asenap   |
| Thursday, August 14, <a href="#">Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</a> |  |
| 7am  | Carmen Aparicio ~ Birthday   |
| Friday, August 15, <a href="#">Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</a>  |  |
| 7am  | For the People of the Parish   |
| 12:10pm  | + Lina Trujillo ~ Repose of her Soul   |
| 6pm  | For the People of the Parish   |
| Sat., August 16, <a href="#">Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time</a>          |  |
| 7am  | + Evangelina Barela  |
| Saturday, August 16, Vigil of <a href="#">Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>            |  |
| 4pm  | + Angel Tafoya<br>+ John Fitzpatrick<br>+ Rita Woodley ~ Anniversary                             |
| Sunday, August 17, <a href="#">Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</a>                       |  |
| 8am  | + Henry Amador   |
| 10am   | Souls in Purgatory   |
| 12:30pm<br>Spanish   | Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia  |

## 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*.



~Continued from page 2~ Next Sunday's Readings.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.



### 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.

### Religious Education News

Registration for Religious Education (including education and sacraments preparation) for the 2025-26 year is now on going through August 10th. Please note that Holy Communion and Confirmation prep includes 2 years of education. You may register your children K-11th grade after masses in the back of the church on Sunday August 3rd and August 10th, or pick up a registration form in the church or parish office.

You may also contact Debbie Garcia (English Coordinator) at [dgarcia@iccabq.org](mailto:dgarcia@iccabq.org); (505) 385-8303 or Sr. Teresa Aparicio (Spanish Coordinator) at [taparicio@iccabq.org](mailto:taparicio@iccabq.org); (505) 366-3878

### Classes will start Sunday, August 17th, 2025

English children & families will attend & pray at the 10:00a.m. Mass

English & Spanish classes will be held from 11:15a.m. to 12:15p.m.

Spanish speaking children & families will attend and pray the 12:30p.m. Mass

Important parent retreat & meeting for those who have English students will be held Saturday August 16th from 8:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. in the St. Mary's School gym

Parent meeting for those who have Spanish students will be held Sunday August 17th from 11:15-12:15 in the ICC Rectory basement, Campion Room

**+ Jesus said in +Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me!"**

**So, let us bring the children to learn and love our Triune God and the Catholic Church & prepare to receive the Sacraments that Jesus instituted for us!**

We are still in need of English & Spanish Catechists! Contact Debbie or Sister Teresa if interested!

We are still in need of Spanish musicians and choir for the 12:30p.m. Sunday Masses. Contact Sr. Teresa if interested!

Adult Education and Sacrament preparation through the OCIA program will start in early September. More information will be available soon!

### INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

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

|  |                     |
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| Weekly Collections   | \$ 36,414.00        |
| Rental Income  | 2,800.00            |
| Certificates   | 10.00               |
| Candles  | 2,428.00            |
| Articles for Sale  | 3.00                |
| Donations - Miscellaneous  | 310.70              |
| Donations - Sacramental (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)               | 1,970.00            |
| Francis House  | 2,860.00            |
| Flowers, Mass Stipends & Hymn Boards                                 | 2,191.00            |
| Pipe Organ Installation Donation                                     | 6,473.00            |
| Bread & Blessings  | 678.00              |
| Raffle Tickets,  | 2,532.00            |
| Fiesta   | 5,443.00            |
| Silent Auction   | 382.00              |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | 1,237.00            |
| Rejuvenation   | 3,006.00            |
| St. Mary's School  | 1,715.00            |
| CRS, Rice Bowl, Good Friday, Good Shepherd Center, Human Development | 591.00              |
| Casa de las Comunidades  | 40.00               |
| ACA  | 365.50              |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>\$ 71,449.20</b> |

#### JUNE 2025 EXPENSES

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Liturgy and Worship                        | 3,354.80            |
| Religious Education                        | 3,198.79            |
| School Support                             | 4,107.16            |
| Clergy Administration                      | 3,812.35            |
| Parish Administration                      | 12,127.69           |
| Mass Stipends paid                         | 100.00              |
| HVAC Loan to the Archdiocese               | 1,118.37            |
| Building and Land Operations               | 8,178.19            |
| Utilities- Gas, Water, Electric, Internet  | 1,103.20            |
| Ministries - Includes Designated Donations | 3,539.00            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>                     | <b>\$ 40,639.55</b> |



**NEW for Middle School: Life Skills Classes Are Here!**



We're thrilled to announce that Saint Mary's is expanding our curriculum to include **Life Skills** classes for our middle school students! Beginning this year, students will have the opportunity

to gain **real-world knowledge** and hands-on experience in:

**Auto Basics** – Learn the essentials of car care, from changing a tire to understanding what's under the hood.

**Woodworking** – Build confidence (and projects!) with tools, measuring, and craftsmanship.

**Financial Literacy** – Understand budgeting, saving, credit, and how to be smart with money.

AND Many More... These classes are designed to **empower our students** with skills they'll use for a lifetime. We can't wait to see what they build—both in the classroom and beyond!

We are excited to share that **Saint Mary's Catholic School** has been awarded a grant from **The Catholic Foundation** to help repair and upgrade our **HVAC units**!

This incredible blessing will ensure our students and staff stay comfortable and focused in a learning environment that's safe and temperature-controlled, even in New Mexico's extreme weather.

We are deeply **grateful to The Catholic Foundation** for supporting our mission and helping us provide the best possible space for our students to grow academically, spiritually, and personally.

**Thank you for helping keep our school community thriving!**



*~ 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

**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 underwear; warm beanies, gloves, jackets and blankets (not sheets). We also need soup and sandwich makers (call Linda at 505-515-6241)

Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Virtus Training Class

**Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.**

**The Shrine of St. Bernadette Catholic Church**

**11509 Indian School Rd. NE 87112**

Attendance at the Workshop is mandatory for all clergy, employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, regardless of where you work or in what capacity you volunteer.

Also please keep in mind, if you haven't taken this class in the past 5 years or if you have never attended, you will not be able to serve within our diocese until you have taken this class.

Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call Annette at the Archdiocese to register at (505) 831-8144

Refreshments will be provided

**(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 13, 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](mailto: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**
**Liturgical Colors**

On a Sunday before Christmas, a visitor to our parish looked out over the gathering congregation and remarked, "Isn't it great to see so many people wearing red for Christmas?" I politely agreed. But inside I knew another reason: the local football team had a game that afternoon, and a good many churchgoers were actually sporting the team colors. Purple vestments and hangings in church during Lent make our eyes take notice. Before we sing about these forty days, before we notice the Glory to God is missing, before they substitute a new Gospel acclamation for that word we're not supposed to say, our eyes have meditated on purple and told us a new season has come. Why do we have liturgical colors? And why do they affect us? Even in the secular world, we associate colors with particular celebrations: red and green for Christmas, purple and yellow for Easter, red-white and- blue for the Fourth of July, white for the bridal gown. Schools have colors, so do doctoral robes and, of course, sports teams. The early Church used only one liturgical color: white. Favored for the newly-baptized, it symbolized the pure new life they attained in Christ. Colors were few for a simple reason: Colored clothing was so expensive in those days that only the wealthy could afford it. Not until twelfth-century Jerusalem, when dyes were more commonplace, did liturgical colors start to become law. After a false start (they wanted black for Christmas and blue for Epiphany) the thirteenth century dawned with Pope Innocent III's decree for the colors we basically follow today: white for festive days and saints, red for martyrs and the Holy Spirit, green for the daily life of what we now call "ordinary time," and violet for the penitential seasons like Lent. Violet, together with blue and black, shared the range of colors for mourning. Hence, even though purple was originally one of the most expensive dyes to obtain, it came to symbolize a season of mourning—a time to die to ourselves and live for Christ. Liturgical colors still work their magic, helping us meditate on the seasons of the year and the meaning of life.

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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.

Familias en Acción estarán vendiendo comida durante el mes de agosto, los domingos 10 y 24, después de cada misa. Esto es para recaudar fondos para futuros retiros.

Los invitamos a unirse a nosotros y les agradecemos su contribución.

Los esperamos en la plaza parroquial después de la misa.

Los Caballeros solo venderán burritos los fines de semana del 17 de agosto  
Cada burrito estará disponible por solo \$4.00.  
Esperamos verlos y estamos muy agradecidos por todo su apoyo. Su participación nos ayuda a marcar la diferencia en nuestra comunidad. ¡Gracias por ser parte de esta maravillosa iniciativa!

Atentamente, Kenneth Pruitt, Gran Caballero  
Consejo de los Caballeros de Colón n.º 15788



### **Noticias de Educación Religiosa**

Las inscripciones para Educación Religiosa (incluyendo la preparación para la educación y los sacramentos) para el año escolar 2025-26 están abiertas hasta el 10 de agosto. Tenga en cuenta que la preparación para la Sagrada Comunión y la Confirmación incluye dos años de educación. Puede inscribir a sus hijos de kínder a 11.º grado después de las misas en la parte trasera de la iglesia los domingos 3 y 10 de agosto, o recoger un formulario de inscripción en la iglesia o la oficina parroquial.

También puede contactar a Debbie García (Coordinadora de inglés) en [dgarcia@iccabq.org](mailto:dgarcia@iccabq.org); (505) 385-8303 o a la Hna. Teresa Aparicio (Coordinadora de español) en [taparicio@iccabq.org](mailto:taparicio@iccabq.org); (505) 366-3878.

### **Las clases comenzarán el domingo 17 de agosto de 2025.**

Los niños y familias que hablan inglés asistirán y rezarán en la misa de las 10:00 a. m.

Las clases de inglés y español se impartirán a partir de las 11:15 a. m. Hasta las 12:15 p. m.

Los niños y familias hispanohablantes asistirán y rezarán en la misa de las 12:30 p. m.

Recuerde que el libro de PETICIONES DE ORACIÓN está en el Altar del Sagrado Corazón. Cualquiera puede agregar una solicitud.

Todas las intenciones están incluidas en las Oraciones de los Fieles durante todas las Misas.

### ***Peticiones de Oración***



## **Evangelización ICA Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque AGAPE!**

Encuentro: Jueves 14 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.*