



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 ~

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 23 & 24 ~ Renovation

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



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

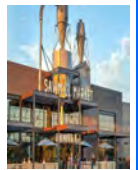


You are invited to the Sunday morning **fellowship Conversation**.

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.

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.



Save the Date

For the First Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe/Peralta Golf Classic 2025 fundraiser for their new Parish Hall and Education Center.

Friday August 22, 2025

University of New Mexico Championship Golf Club
South

3601 University Blvd 87131

Registration starts at 7:00a.m.

Shotgun Start: 8:00a.m.

Contact Manuel Casias, mcasias2274@gmail.com, (505) 450-2277



Families in Action will be selling food in the month of August on Sunday the 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.

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



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Cycle C August 24, 2025
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 117:1-2*

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13*

Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:22-30*

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet.

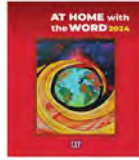
Mass Intentions	
Saturday, August 16, Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	+ Angel Tafoya + John Fitzpatrick + Rita Woodley ~ Anniversary
Sunday, August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	+ Henry Amador
10am	Souls in Purgatory
12:30pm Spanish	Por la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia
Monday, August 18, Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	
12:10pm	+ Severo Trujillo ~ Birthday + Debbie Herrera ~ Repose of her Soul
Tues., August 19, Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time ; Saint John Eudes, Priest	
7am	Souls in Purgatory
Wed., August 20, Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	
12:10pm	Anne Wagner ~ Health + Angelica Gonzales
Thursday, August 21, Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope	
7am	+ Agnes Montoya ~ Birthday + Lucas & Roger Montoya
Friday, August 22, Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
12:10pm	Cora Ogilvie ~ Health & wellbeing
Sat., August 23, Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time ; Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin	
7am	For the Unhoused Population
Saturday, August 23, Vigil of Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	+ John Fitzpatrick + Xavier Garcia ~ 52nd Anniversary
Sunday, August 25, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	People of the Parish
10am	+ Rosie C. Soto + Agnes Montoya ~ Anniversary
12:30pm Spanish	+ Eliazar Chacón

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.

Religious Education News

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

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

+ 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!

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program meets every fourth Friday of the month. Come together in prayer as we delve into the sacred mysteries and seek to grow closer to God through the prayer of our sacred rosary.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, August 22, at 6pm

Immaculate Conception's
basement Parish Hall

Best regards, Kenneth Pruitt Grand Knight
Immaculate Conception Parish



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

Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR JUNE 2025	
PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS	
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
Total Income	\$ 71,449.20
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
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 40,639.55

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 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)

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

VIRTUS Training 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, and must be refreshed every 5 years. Keep in mind, if you haven't taken this class in the past 5 years or if you have never attended, you cannot 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 20, 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**
**Orans**

Orans is a Latin word meaning "praying." It also defines the formal posture assumed by a priest whenever he prays during Mass. Any time he directly addresses God, the priest stands with his hands slightly raised and outstretched. This gesture can be traced to stories of Moses (Exodus 9:29) and descriptions of prayer in the Psalms (28:2; 63:4,134:2). It resembles the gesture of a small child ready to hug or asking to be lifted up. Tertullian, the second-century father of the Church from North Africa, said that extending hands in prayer bears witness to the Cross of Christ. Depictions of early Christians in the orans position can be found in the catacombs. The gesture has had an honored place in the history of the Roman liturgy. The precise position admits some variation. After the council of Trent, priests were instructed to raise their hands no higher nor wider than the shoulder, palms facing each other and the fingers of each hand joined. Some still follow that former rubric, even though it is no longer in force. Some stand with arms spread completely outstretched to the sides, while others choose a mid-position. Some stand with arms lifted up high, palms facing out, in a gesture that says in another context, "Don't shoot!" but here implies a reverent surrender to God in prayer. The priest is to assume a recognizable prayer posture. In this way he, the assembly, and God all know what is going on during the most solemn parts of the Mass. Some communities have found it helpful for the assembly to assume the orans position when it prays together, for example, at the Lord's Prayer.

Although many Catholics may join hands at that time, they could stand with arms outstretched, palms upraised. Some will find this posture helpful at private prayer. A member of the armed forces assumes a specific posture when addressing a superior. You hold the telephone a certain way if you expect the person you called to hear. Christians traditionally stand in the orans position when we address 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.

Familias en Acción estarán vendiendo comida durante el mes de agosto, el domingo 24 de Agosto, 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.

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.



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; (505) 385-8303 o a la Hna. Teresa Aparicio (Coordinadora de español) en 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.

Peticiones de Oración



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

Evangelización ICA Inmaculada Concepción Albuquerque AGAPE!

Encuentro: Jueves 21 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John C. Wester' with a stylized initial 'J'.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archdiocese of Santa Fe