



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:

- ✧ September 6 & 7 ~ St. Mary's School

~May They Rest in Peace~

- ✧ Rita Chavez Rosary at 9:30 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM, Thursday, September 4, here at Immaculate Conception Church.



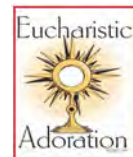
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- ❖ Monday September 1
Labor Day



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~

Jesus is waiting for you. Consider giving him one hour on First Friday, September 5, 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.



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!



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



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)

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



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Cycle C September 7, 2025
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

First Reading: *Wisdom 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17*

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading: *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Mass Intentions	
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
Monday, September 01, Monday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	
12:10pm	Camille Martinez ~ Health + Santiago Armijo ~ Anniversary
Tues., September 02, Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	
7am	Thanksgiving to Saint Monica
Wed., September 03, Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	
12:10pm	Camille Martinez ~ Health + Ron Zaruba
Thursday, September 04, Thursday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	
7am	Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus
Friday, September 05, Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time	
7am	Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm	For the Health of Cora Ogilvie + Abraham Placencio
Sat., September 06, Saturday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	
7am	Barbara Michael & the well being of her Family
Saturday, September 06, Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4pm	+ Naomi & Robert Santiago
Sunday, September 07, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8am	Souls in Purgatory
10am	+ Orlando Montoya ~ Anniversary
12:30pm 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.



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 10. 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 ~ NO Classes-Labor Day
- ✧ September 7 ~ Regular Classes
- ✧ September 14~ Regular Classes



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

On Sunday, September 7, Pope Leo will canonize Carlo Acutis, popularly known as the first millennial-saint. The canonization mass will be streamed via various YouTube channels as well as on <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>. Carlo, who died of leukemia at the age of 15, was deeply connected to the interests of modern youth. He loved video games and computers. But rather than seeing these as distractions, Carlo leveraged technology to share his Catholic faith with others. This fall, our Deanery Youth Ministry will host a viewing of "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality." Please watch the bulletin for an announcement of the date, location and other details.



The first meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held next Saturday, September 6th, at 2:00 PM in the parish hall basement. All women are warmly invited to attend and learn more about our organization. This gathering offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, connection, and discovering how you can be part of a community dedicated to faith and service.

INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT FOR JULY 2025

PARISH SUPPORT ~ INCLUDES ON-LINE DONATIONS

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

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

**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 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): Anthoney 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, September 3, 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!

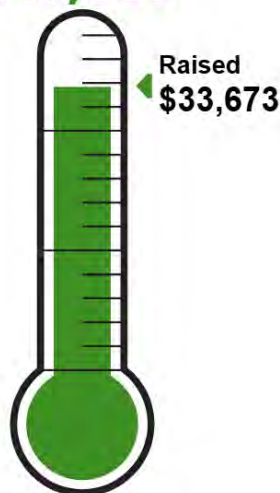


We are close to our goal of \$40,000.00! THANK YOU to ALL who have so generously supported our effort to replace the pipe organ console. To date we have raised \$33,673.00. Work will resume this week. The work ahead consists of the painstaking task of wiring each of the organ keys to the physical pipes, and updating control boards.

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



Catholic Bible

The Bible used by the Catholic Church includes a few books that some other Christians do not consider equally sacred. The formation of the Bible took many centuries, and there is still not complete agreement over which books belong between its covers. The Old Testament evolved from ancient books written mostly in Hebrew. By the third century bc, these were being translated into Greek along with a few books not so widely regarded as Sacred Scripture. The collection was called the Septuagint, and it was favored by many early Christians who knew Greek. In the fourth century AD, St. Jerome learned enough Hebrew to translate the Old Testament into Latin, and that collection has been called the Vulgate. Jerome omitted some questionable books from the Septuagint. Still, there were disputes about what belonged in a Bible. In the sixteenth century, Martin Luther placed a number of the disputed books of the Bible in a separate section called Apocrypha. Luther and the Reformers questioned the status of some New Testament books also, but today's Christian Churches generally agree on the same twenty-seven of them.

The Catholic Bible includes some Old Testament books not found in other Bibles, such as Judith, Tobit, and 1 and 2 Maccabees. Verses from some of these offended the opinions of Protestant Reformers. Catholics used 2 Maccabees 12:43-45 to defend the teaching on purgatory and Tobit 12:9 to exhort the merits of good works. Excerpts from these books may show up, for example, at a Catholic funeral or wedding, when Christians from other churches may be present. The differences in these few books should not obscure the realization that Catholics have substantial agreement with other Christians about the content and importance of the Bible.

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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 31 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.



Fechas importantes para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

- ✧ 31 de agosto - NO Clases
- ✧ 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

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.

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. Acompañennos 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 4 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.*