



Immaculate Conception Parish

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Mass Schedule

Weekday

7am • 12:10pm

Saturday

7am • 12:10pm • 5pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday

7:30am • 9am • 10:45am

12:15pm (Spanish) • 5pm

Holy Days

7am • 12:10pm • 5:30pm

Civil Holidays

9:00am Community Mass Only

Confessions

Weekday • 15 minutes prior to Mass

Saturday • 3:00-4:30pm

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Mary, Mother of All

When you hear that this is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, what is the first image that comes into your head? Was it that Christmas image of Mary holding the baby Jesus contentedly on her lap—with Mary looking unbelievably calm and placid?

We have to remind ourselves that Jesus didn't stay on Mary's lap forever. Many of our Mary images may not be helpful to us as we mature. We need more authentic images to revitalize our prayer. But we don't find all the details we need in the Scriptures. So we have to use our imaginations to picture Mary as the mother of Jesus as a toddler, a teen, and an unpredictable 20-something. In short--*his entire life*.

How must Mary have felt as Jesus began to upset the religious authorities. Even though Mary had seen angels, and knew God's presence and love first-hand, she was a human mother who suffered intensely at simply "not knowing" how it would end. It appeared to end at the cross—which is where we see Mary standing, simply accepting the reality of the crucified, dead body of her beloved Son, Jesus.

Many of us have had to stand at the bedside or grave of a beloved one, and were speechless with grief and a lack of understanding—"why did this have to happen?" We wish we could solve all problems. But Mary couldn't solve Jesus' problems—she was called to be a presence and a witness of hope in God's ultimate love.

Maybe we, too, need to simply stand in silence with Mary at the worst crosses of our lives, "pondering all these things" in our hearts.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

HOLY HUMOR

An elderly woman died last month.

*Having never married,
she requested no male pallbearers.*

*In her handwritten instructions
for her memorial service, she wrote,*

*'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive,
I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING NEWS**BREAD & BLESSINGS MEAL SERVED ON
CHRISTMAS DAY & AGAIN ON NEW YEAR'S**

A very dedicated group of volunteers and cooks spent their Christmas Day doing the Lord's work of feeding our 140 guests who are homeless and will do so again on New Year's Day.

Since Christmas & New Year's fall on Sundays this year, the regular day for the meal, the volunteers overwhelmingly said they wanted to offer the meal at 12:45 pm, the regular time. For Christmas, a nice ham dinner was prepared. The guests also received some Christmas gifts, including socks and blankets.

A special thanks to the **Boy Scout Troup at St. Mary's School** for putting together 50+ Christmas gift bags for our Sunday guests.

All of these efforts are be a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus for our volunteers and guests. Thanks to all who have agreed to cook, serve, and donate money for this special cause!!

For more information about the meal, contact Mike Shawver, at 247-4271 or ImmConYASJ@gmail.com

SANCTITY OF LIFE DAY IN SANTE FE – JAN. 18

Join people from all over the state to prayerfully mark the 39th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our country on Wednesday, January 18. The day includes a mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe starting at noon celebrated by all three NM Bishops, a prayer procession and rally at the statehouse, and opportunities to visit with state legislators.

The rally and visit with legislators will be led by Allen Sanchez, the Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops and the sponsoring group for this event.

Carpool with other parishioners to the event!! Meet at ICC at 10 am in the parking lot by the school. For more information, call Mike Shawver at the church office at 247-4271 or at ImmConyasj@gmail.com

Today's Gospel (Luke 2: 16-21) & Catholic Charities

In our Church Dec. 30th, 2011 was the feast of the Holy Family. Emulating the Holy Family is something our families are called to do. How are we supposed to be like the Holy Family when many of us feel sinful and unholy?

Start small. Begin by praying as a family. Prayer is transformational. As a family one can also give time to be present to a family in need.

Catholic Charities refugees, people fleeing violent situations from around the world, are in need of caring families to walk with them as they adjust to life in Albuquerque. For more information on Family Partnering please contact Celia Yapita at (505) 724-4677.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATOR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! • SUNDAY • JANUARY 1, 2012

Teens and Parents **JANUARY 29**

Join us at San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas on January 29, for an evening with Chris Stefanick. Chris is a highly effective Chastity Speaker with years of experience in Youth Ministry and is currently the Director of Youth, Young Adult

and Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Denver. From 7pm-8pm, he will be addressing parents of teens on morality and chastity and from 8pm-9pm he will be hanging out with our teens and young adults discussing these same topics. Contact Brenda Sais at 505-865-9370, for more details or information on this event.

The Catholic Charismatic Center is holding a Winter Charismatic Conference on January 21 at the mission church of San Jose de los Duranes at 2110 Los Luceros Rd. NW, Albuquerque, from 8:30am to 6:30pm (ends with Sunday Vigil Mass). The speakers include Fr. Daniel Balizan, Fr. Michael DePalma and Sr. Magdalena Casas-Nava. Registration is \$10 and a meal ticket is \$5. For more information, call the Catholic Charismatic Center at (505)-247-0397 or visit www.asfcc.org. The theme is "Come and See What Love The Father Has Bestowed on Us." Join in this day of praise and worship, inspiring teaching and fellowship.

Today nearly 47 million Americans live below the poverty line, more than the population of California. Of those, 19 million Americans live in dire poverty. Worse yet, one in four children live in poverty. As Catholics, we are called to respond to this immense human suffering! Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) helps people move themselves out of poverty. Here's what you can do to help break the cycle of poverty: visit www.povertyusa.org and www.usccb.org and talk with others about the impact of poverty on individuals and communities. For more information, or if you would like your youth group, confirmation class or young adult groups to learn more about poverty in the U.S. and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, contact Nicole Holcomb, 505-831-8235 or justice2@archdiosf.org.

The Albuquerque African American Catholic Community will honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Mass on Sunday, January 15, at 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque. Celebrant will be Rev. Msgr. Lambert J. Luna,

VG. All are invited to attend. Please call (505) 836-3627 for more information.

The following classes and a day of reflection are being offered in early 2012. For information, or to register for any of the following four events, call Rosalie Romero at 831-8179 or email rromero@archdiosf.org or register online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3cbb4e>.

- **An advanced level theology course on The Church in America** is being taught by Deacon Keith Davis, on Tuesdays from January 10 to January 24, from 6:30-8:30pm, at Lourdes Hall, Albuquerque (4060 St. Joseph's Pl. NW). Fee is \$10/person for all class sessions.

- **A Winter Day of Reflection with the Saint John's Bible** will be offered by Barbara Sutton and Taylor Morgan of the St. John's University School of Theology on Saturday, January 21. The event will be offered from 9:00am to 3:00pm, at St. Jude Church, 5712 Paradise Blvd. NW, Albuquerque. This course will count toward advanced theology credit for those seeking certification.

- **A basic level theology course on the Introduction to Jesus** is being taught by Deacon Keith Davis, Tuesdays beginning February 21 through March 20, from 6:30-8:30pm, at Lourdes Hall, Albuquerque (4060 St. Joseph's Pl.). There is a \$10 fee per person which will cover all five classes.

- **An advanced level theology course on Multi Cultural Spirituality** is being taught by Maria Cruz Cordoba on Saturday, March 24, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, at Lourdes Hall, Albuquerque (4060 St. Joseph's Pl. NW). The fee is \$10/person.

Educating Young People in Justice and Peace is the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's 2012 Message for the World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 each year. The message affirms the role of young people in working for justice, peace and the common good and urges public policy-makers to create institutions, laws, and environments that allow young people to flourish. The full text of the message is posted each year in mid-December at www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/index_en.htm. USCCB has a two-sided bulletin insert that can be downloaded from www.usccb.org.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For the daily readings online, go to: <http://www.usccb.org/bible>

*The suggested donation for announced Masses is \$10 and \$5 for Jesuit Mission masses and \$1 for a mass card.
The Mass record book is now available for Masses in 2012. Please contact the parish at 247-4271.*

Monday, January 2, 2012

SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
BB.DD. Mem.

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

9:00 Dawn Calek (Birthday)
Mike Schroeder (Safety)
Susan (Stanley) Kelly (Health)

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

7:00 Nadine Baca (Healing)
Sherri Mueller (Healing)
+Louise Brisenio
12:10 +Dr. A.M. Guerrero (Anniversary)
5:30 Fr. Richard Kalkman (Special Intention)
Sr. Dolores Kalkman (Special Intention)

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rel. Mem.

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

7:00 +Thomas & Erlinda Rivera
12:10 Immaculate Conception Office Staff
5:30 For those who are hungry or homeless



Thursday, January 5, 2012

St. John Neumann, B. Mem.

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

7:00 Fares A. Vigil (Birthday)
12:10 +Barbara, Anna, Tony Marchiondo, Sr/Jr
+Johnny, Joe, Eddie Marchiondo
+Charlie, Ethel, Betty Marchiondo
5:30 For all those who are suffering

Friday, January 6, 2012

St. Andre Bessette, Rel.

1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

7:00 +Odilia Montoya
12:10 +Joe Lucero
5:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
+Theresa Salas-Sanchez
+Cora Salas

Saturday, January 7, 2012

St. Raymond of Penafort, Pr.

1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

7:00 +Margarita & Pedro Duran
12:10 +Pete & Alicia Lujan
+Ruth Woods (CDA)
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

SUNDAY, January 8, 2012 The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

"The Glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

"Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

GIVING TREE THANK YOU!!

Thanks so much for all those who gave so generously to help the recipients of the Giving Tree have a very special Christmas!! We were overwhelmed with the generosity of so many for our brothers & sisters in need.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped wrap and distribute all of the presents for the Giving Tree!!

“MY LIFE WITH THE SAINTS” BY FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ – FOR SALE 50% OFF OR \$8

This book would be good spiritual reading for the New Year for you, a family member or a friend. The author discusses how his life is influenced by various saints. Books are available in the Church Office.

VOCATION NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS – Panel on religious, priestly, & married life – Sunday, January, 15 at 6 pm

All young adults from 18-39 are invited to the next young adult dinner and presentation on Sunday, January 15, after the 5 pm Mass. This month we will have a panel talk about vocations – one young priest, Fr. Hough, SJ, one religious brother, and a married woman & man, who both spent some time in religious life.

There are now 2 weekly Masses focused on young people every Sunday at 5 pm and every Thursday at 5:30 pm. There are now be 3 different groups: 8th grade & high school group called “Revive”, young adults called “Logos” (ages 18 to 25), and professional young adults (ages 22 to 39). Obviously, there will be some overlap. By professional, we mean anyone who is working at any job as a career or is in graduate school.

There will be some type of prayer/presentation/social, etc. after each Thursday Mass for the two younger groups.

For a calendar of all young adult events, go to: www.localendar.com/public/immconyasj For more info, email Mike Shawver at ImmConYASJ@gmail.com or Fr. Hough at jphough@gmail.com

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RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN A 1968 AWARD WINNING FORD MUSTANG FASTBACK

Tickets (\$50 each) will be sold for the vintage car at the Church Office Monday thru Friday from 9 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 5. **Credit cards can now be used to buy raffle tickets!!** The car will be raffled-off at the Mystic Ball (winner need not be present to win) on Jan. 28.

For a video of the car, go to: <http://youtu.be/Eu0o4ptJhNE>



SAVE THE DATE: MYSTIC BALL – JAN. 28

The Mystic Winter Ball will be at the Hotel Albuquerque on Saturday, January 28, to benefit the building project. There will be a nice dinner, dancing, silent and live auction.

There will also be the drawing of the Mustang winner (winner does not need to be present). There will be a 2nd Prize drawing of \$500 (must be present to win this prize).

Our special guest will be Archbishop Michael Sheehan. Tickets are \$60 a person and available at the Church Office.

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE TALK
The Lord bless you and keep you. Nm 6:26
How may we bless the Lord as is our duty?

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011.

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