

SUPPORTING PARISHIONER BUSINESSES

With restrictions in place to help combat the spread of COVID-19, some businesses are struggling and many people are seeking to help support local merchants. We would like to help members of this community to learn about some of the businesses and services that our parishioners own or operate as one way in which we can try to support one another as a parish community. If you are an active parishioner who operates a business or offers a service that could be of interest to our parish community, please contact Fr. Sylvester Tan, S.J. at [stan@iccabq.org](mailto:stan@iccabq.org). We will develop a *Parishioner Business Directory* which will include information about your business. This resource will be published in our on-line weekly bulletin during the health crisis.

PARISHIONER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Here are some local parishioner-run businesses and services that could interest you:

- Castle Coffee** (727 Tijeras Ave NW, 87102, 505-508-5271) parishioner Matthew Campbell, General Manager ([matthew@castlecoffeeco.com](mailto:matthew@castlecoffeeco.com)) "Servant minded. Coffee Inspired. Community Focused." Craft coffee, local bakery items, local teas, etc.; outdoor seating (during Covid) for meetings and community encounter; within walking distance of ICC; indoor display space for local artists. Hours: 7am-4pm, Mon-Sat; in-store, phone, online, and curbside ordering; no in-door dining at this time.
- ✧ **Chelle Summer** (online at [www.chellesummer.com](http://www.chellesummer.com), 505-266-3134) parishioner Michelle Rusk offers handmade handbags, apparel, and home decor, many from vintage materials. Unique items that make great gifts. Delivery available, contact us.
- ✧ **XLessThan3Art** (Call, email, in-person: 505-514-6062, [xlessthan3artllc@gmail.com](mailto:xlessthan3artllc@gmail.com)), parishioner Sonia Luevano offers commission artwork, photography, mural work, upholstery, furniture repair, decor (and recently, mask making!) "Sonia lives for art and aims to apply the romanticized philosophies of surrealism and sacred art into all aspects of life. Part of her ideal is to make the world a more beautiful place by expressing true beauty in an imperfect world."



Consider a memorial brick for your faithful departed in our PRAYER GARDEN. Each 4x8" brick costs \$125.00 and may be engraved with up to 3 lines with 13 characters per line including spaces. Bricks are ordered in batches of 10. Order forms are available on our website: [ICCABQ.org](http://ICCABQ.org).

PRISON REFORM FALL BOOK CLUB 2020 - ON ZOOM  
IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!!

All are invited to participate in the Prison Reform Ministry's Fall Book Club 2020 on Zoom.



The book club will start at 6 pm through 7:15pm for 6 Tuesdays in a row, from September 15 through October 20. Our main text will be *Prison Writings: My Life is My Sundance* by Leonard Peltier. This book is available widely, including on Amazon.

Please email Joy Dinero at [jdinero@iccabq.org](mailto:jdinero@iccabq.org) for more information or to register.

*The Apostleship of Prayer*

Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's Intentions.

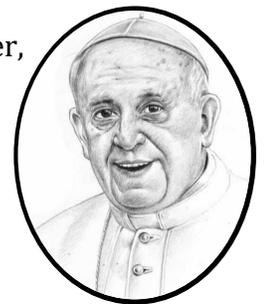
Begin with A Daily Offering:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in unity with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sins, and the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and all the Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. ~ Amen ~

Then, pray with the Pope for his intention each month:



SEPTEMBER 2020: RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Please join your fellow Immaculate Conception family in prayer on October 1 and October 19 for the special intentions for 40 Days For Life. Learn more at [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/albuquerque/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/albuquerque/)

[SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 30 ~

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63: 2-6, 8-9*

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading: *Romans 12: 1-2*

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16: 21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

[FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 30 ~



Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own

ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16: 21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63:

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without  
water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul  
be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise  
you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for  
joy.

My soul clings fast to you;

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

# First Week of School



Teachers and students have not seen one another since the end of March when we had to close our doors due to Covid. We reopened our school with many safety measures in place and welcomed our students with open arms (social distancing) and big smiles. We were ALL so elated to see one another once again. Thank you to Father Broussard and Father Tan who got us off on the right foot with the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit. May we always be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you parishioners for your continued prayers for our St. Mary's School family.

~ by Carol Johansen,  
Teacher & Parishioner



## WHAT SPIRITUAL LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM COVID-19?

Even with the great capacity for adaptation that the human being is endowed with, what we have experienced this year has not stopped surprising us. With regard to the pandemic we are experiencing, many come to my mind.

Are we really going through a universal event? Living between radically different countries allows you to notice what distinguishes them culturally, socially, economically or religiously. Surprisingly, today there is a topic that can help start a conversation between almost any two human beings. Can we use it to get closer? Or are we afraid to connect?

Are we relearning how to care for others and our common home? The Christian is called to sacrifice so that others may have life. Saving others at this point also involves taking care of yourself and defending yourself against the virus.

~ Continued in next column

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARISH: on your cell phone, text [joinICCNw](https://www.joiniccnw.com) to the number 84576 or click link below.



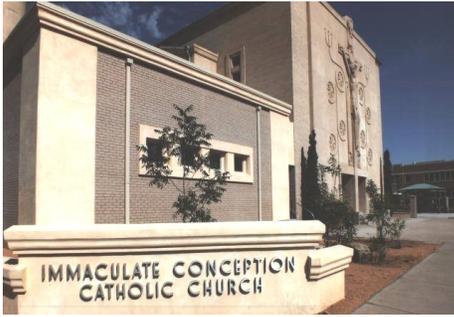
This will sign you up for ICC's FlockNote and will allow us to share important information

with you such as schedule changes.

Can we take care of nature and relationships with those we come across where we are? Or are we indifferent to the resources we have at our disposal, possibly leading to scarcity elsewhere?

Are we listening to our heart's deepest desires? When our routine changes radically, we do not just deprive ourselves of what we would like to do, but the opportunity arises to bring about new forms of work and even greater availability for prayer. Are we taking advantage of this time, allowing God to strengthen us for greater service, love and praise? Or do we still not recognize our destiny is that peace and joy we will experience with God our Father in Heaven?

Madalena Mariz  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Portugal)  
August 2020



THE PARISH  
OFFICE HAS NOT  
REOPENED  
AT THIS TIME.

**Immaculate Conception Masses & Confessions**

**Daily Mass:**

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:10pm;
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7am; and
- ✧ Civil Holidays at 9am.

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**

- ✧ 4:00pm

**Sunday Masses:**

- ✧ 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,
- ✧ 12:30pm [Spanish], and
- ✧ 5:00pm.

**Confessions are heard in the Church vestibule:** (Enter through the northeast door from the parking lot.)

Please Note: the days and location for Confession have changed. This is the new schedule.

- ✧ **WEDNESDAYS**— 11:00 to 11:45am,
- ✧ **FRIDAYS**—11:00 to 11:45am, and
- ✧ **Saturdays**— 3:00 to 3:45pm.

**OUR PARISH GIVING, STEWARDSHIP,  
AND FINANCES**

If you would like to know more about our parish's finances, now you can find that information on our website, [ICCABQ.ORG](http://ICCABQ.ORG). You can also make a one-time-only or recurring donations.

Once you are on the website. From a drop down menu, GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, FINANCES, you will have four options to check out:

1. [Online Giving](#);
2. [Planned Giving](#);
3. [Stewardship Report Weekly](#) (collection information); and
4. [Annual Report](#).

If you have questions, contact Comptroller Kimberly Jarnagin at [KJarnagin@iccabq.org](mailto:KJarnagin@iccabq.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER?**  
Complete your form on-line at



**ICCABQ.ORG**

HERE IS HOW THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES  
IMPACT US AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- ✧ Anyone over 60 or who has a pre-existing condition should consider a live-streamed Mass and avoid gathering with us in person.
- ✧ If you are ill, stay at home.
- ✧ A mask worn correctly (over the nose and mouth) and social distancing are required. Parents, leave young children at home, if possible.
- ✧ We are limited in our building's capacity so – for now – only 119 people can attend each Mass. That's about 16% of our building's capacity.
- ✧ Only one door, the rear door on the parking lot side, is unlocked so that an usher or sacristan can count attendance to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity. Once that limit has been met, the door will be locked, and a sign will be posted on the door .
- ✧ The Baptismal font is empty during Mass and only filled for baptisms outside of Mass;
- ✧ Holy water fonts are empty. *Only* sealed bottles of holy water will be available;
- ✧ The **BATHROOMS** are locked until further notice as is the **CRY ROOM**.
- ✧ Bring your own hand-sanitizer or cleanser for personal needs. Please do not use cleansers with bleach or alcohol on our pews.
- ✧ The pews are cleaned between Masses.
- ✧ *All missals, Mission Statement cards, and daily Mass propers* have been removed;
- ✧ There are no processions; Mass begins with a sound on the gong;
- ✧ There is no music, except perhaps the Psalm on Sunday;
- ✧ Short versions of the readings are used, where the option exists;
- ✧ Our Mission Statement is not recited;
- ✧ There are no collections; envelopes, checks, and cash can be dropped off in a container as you leave Mass; any other donations can be made online;
- ✧ There is no handshake at the Sign of Peace;
- ✧ The final prayer and blessing are prayed *before* Communion is distributed;
- ✧ After we receive Communion *in the hand only*, (host only), step aside, remove your mask, consume the host, and leave the church.
- ✧ Do not congregate or visit after leaving Mass, maintain social distancing and keep your masks on.