

Due to social distancing, we ask that you stay in your vehicles and wear a mask. Thank you for understanding and keeping everybody safe and healthy.

*A drive by farewell for*

**Father Jason**

**LaLonde, S.J.**

Father Jason will leave Immaculate Conception to work on his PhD at the University of Notre Dame. Join us in thanking him for his dedicated service to our parish and saying good-bye, good luck and God Bless. (Card basket provided)

**When: Sunday, June 28th      Time: 6:00-7:00pm**

**Where: Immaculate Conception Parking Lot**



Dear Parishioners ~

I am blessed to have been able to spend my first two years in priestly ministry at Immaculate Conception Church in Albuquerque. One of my first memories of Immaculate Conception is being greeted by Fr. Warren Broussard, pastor, when I first arrived. Fr. Marcus was giving me a tour of the church and rectory, and Fr. Warren approached me with a big, welcoming smile that particularly beamed his customary paternal warmth. A recent slideshow made by Mrs. Carol Johansen, a teacher of 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Saint Mary's, showed a photo of Fr. Broussard with a caption that read, "Every good priest is a miracle of God's grace." I couldn't agree more. It's certainly a grace that, during my first two years of priesthood, I was able to share community with and learn from four holy and highly dedicated Jesuits priests—Fr. Warren Broussard, Fr. Roberto Sullivan, Fr. Joseph Vanderholt, and Fr. Richard McGowan.

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I am also very grateful for the kind welcome and generous hospitality extended to me by the People of God at Immaculate Conception and throughout greater Albuquerque. I have so many rich memories of celebrating the sacraments with you. In particular, I have found it deeply moving to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and to accompany people in need of healing as well as those in the last stages of life through the anointing of the sick. Thank you for trusting me and giving me the privilege of being part of these holy encounters with God. I also thank you for your patience as I have experimented and worked to learn the art of preaching. I am fond of a saying of St. Ignatius of Antioch, who, while on his way to be martyred in Rome wrote to the Christians at Ephesus saying, "it is better to be silent and to be, than to speak and not be; it is good to teach, if the speaker does what he teaches." Of course, for a priest, to be silent is not an option; he must preach. Therefore I am grateful that you have listened willingly to my homilies and have not criticized them too harshly! I am also grateful for your holiness and deep goodness: you have inspired me to embody the Gospel message with greater authenticity in my own life.

Let me thank as well the deacons at our parish who are responsible for planning funerals and preparing couples for the sacraments of baptism and holy matrimony. I am most grateful to Deacon Don Roseborough and Deacon George Sandoval for preparing so well for these important liturgies. In particular, the opportunity to commend the souls of many of our beloved brothers and sisters to our merciful God in funeral services has been a key part of my ministry here. These funerals have impelled me to wrestle with the great mystery of our ultimate end and have deepened my faith in God's saving power. Moreover, I have learned the importance of the truly Christian work that we do when we grieve for one another and for the passing of a loved one (cf. Matthew 5:4).

Of course being involved with our terrific school, St. Mary's, has tremendously enriched my first two years of priesthood. I am grateful that I was able to accompany the students on their pilgrimage to Chimayo. I am thankful, too, for the weekly liturgies with students—

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SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 28 ~

First Reading: *2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 89: 2-3, 16-19*

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading: *Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11*; I Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 10: 37-42*; Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

### *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 by beginning the day with A Daily Offering.

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

JULY 2020: OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 28 ~

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together today's Psalm:

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your  
faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

You are the splendor of their strength,  
and by your favor our horn is exalted.

For to the LORD belongs our shield,  
and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Email Joy Dinaro at [jdinaro@iccabq.org](mailto:jdinaro@iccabq.org) if you are an active parishioner at Immaculate Conception and would like to be part of our virtual ICC artists' fair. Different parish artists will be featured weekly on the parish Facebook page. Thank you!



We wish Father Jason Godspæd

Dear Father Jason,

St. Mary's School thanks you for eagerly being a part of our school life and most of all for bringing Christ into our lives. We will be sending you good luck vibes and prayers as you continue your studies. (Our students can probably give you advice on how to prepare for an upcoming exam...just gives us a call.) You will always have a home at our school. May you continue to be sustained by God's grace and may your life in His service always be filled with joy.

Until we meet again, God bless.

Your St. Mary's School Family



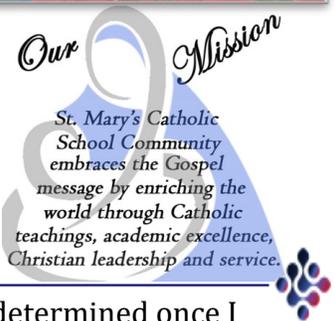
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with the lovely sung children's eucharistic prayer — and for student confessions, which we missed so much after the onset of the lockdown. Our Principal Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez and the St. Mary's teachers do a terrific job in maintaining an excellent atmosphere for learning and a robust Catholic identity at the school.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to our outstanding staff at Immaculate Conception and to our numerous volunteers. We are blessed to have such a hard-working and humble team: from those who answer the phone to those who keep the church clean and fix broken windows, to our faithful sacristans who kept the red tabernacle lamp lit throughout the COVID-19 lockdown, and our volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to many fruitful ministries. St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us that the meaning of our human existence lies in the praise, reverence, and *service* of God, our Lord and Creator. Our staff and volunteers exemplify this spirit of humble service and careful stewardship of resources.

I depart now to begin a new journey of studies at the University of Notre Dame, where I will pursue a PhD in systematic theology. Through the PhD research, I hope to make a contribution to the intellectual life of the Church. Another goal is to one day teach and support young people who are preparing for future ministry in the Church, particularly Jesuits who are preparing for the priesthood. We will see, however, what plans God has in store. Some have asked me if I will continue to exercise priestly ministry while in South Bend: most definitely!

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~ by Carol Johansen,  
Teacher & Parishioner

What type of ministry will be determined once I arrive. In the meantime, I head to Florida to visit my family for a few weeks and to baptize my new niece Abigail Joy (born March 1). I ask your prayers for my little niece and for my safe travels. And please know that I carry all of you in my heart as I head to my next assignment. Thanks be to God for my time in Albuquerque and for our communion in Christ. And may God grant us all the grace to know His most holy will and to carry it out completely.

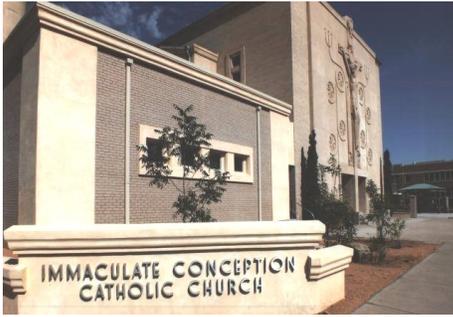
In Christ,  
Father Jason LaLonde, S.J.

#### ANTI-RACISM IN THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH

The US Catholic Bishops, from as far back as 2000, and as recently as May 31, 2010, have written three different statements or pastoral letters that connect what is happening in the news and in our city to the teachings of our Catholic faith. If you would like to request a hard copy by mail, email Joy Dinaro: [jdinaro@iccabq.org](mailto:jdinaro@iccabq.org)

The first is *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice: A Statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, issued November 15, 2000.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm>



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 in parking lot or Plaza de la Inmaculada:**

- ✧ Tuesdays— 11:00 to 11:45am,
- ✧ Thursdays—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).

We have just learned that [FaithWorks](#) in Albuquerque is closing its doors on July 31st. The Knights of Columbus encourage winners from past *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contests to use their gift cards soon. Please contact [Ian.Groves@gmail.com](mailto:Ian.Groves@gmail.com) for further information. Thank you.

### 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.