

SUPPORTING PARISHIONER BUSINESSES

With restrictions in place to help combat the spread of COVID-19, some businesses are struggling and many people would like 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 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, SJ, at stan@iccabq.org.

Below is our current *Parishioner Business Directory* which includes information about each business. This resource is 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:

- ✧ Desca Music (online at descamusic.com, malletteproducts@gmail.com) parishioners Tim & Tracy Mallette owners. Desca Music makes the most feature complete portable music stand: compact design, stackable, built-in handle, and big enough for all your music or a laptop! Built here in Albuquerque with US made parts, our music stands are great for traveling or everyday use.
- ✧ **Castle Coffee** (727 Tijeras Ave NW, 87102, 505-508-5271) parishioner Matthew Campbell, General Manager (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, 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), 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."



Religious Education

TEACHERS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS are still needed for Religious Education. ICC's remote classes will include online lessons and videos. RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATIONS are still being accepted. Contact Jean Bussemeier at 505-250-6040 or jbussemeier@iccabq.org for information about volunteering or registering.



THE RCIA MINISTRY has begun meeting via ZOOM on Thursdays, at 7pm. Contact Jean Bussemeier at 505-250-6040 or jbussemeier@iccabq.org for details and a meeting invitation.

Laudato Si' Anniversary Retreat Series
REVITALIZING AND RECASTING DEMOCRACY:
A Vision for Catholic Social Engagement
with Fr. Sylvester Tan, SJ

Wednesday, September 30, 6-7:15pm via ZOOM

In the face of complex societal and political realities, how might a Catholic vision inform the political decisions we make for ourselves, our local communities and our country? Join us for reflection and conversation. We will explore the Holy Father's vision for political engagement and consider an informed, loving way forward in communion with each other and the created world.

Contact Carlos Navarro at carlos@nm-ipl.org to register and receive simple sign-in instructions for this virtual event.



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/

Prayer Intention for September 20:

For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

[SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 20

First Reading: *Isaiah 55: 6-9*; God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18*
God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading: *Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a*
Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20: 1-16*
In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading: In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first. On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

[FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sept. 20

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20: 1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145:

- R **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- R **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.
- R **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**
The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.
- R **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

A Long Wait...



It was supposed to happen in May but, due to Covid-19, it did not. However, it was a day of beauty with our St. Mary's School 4th graders looking marvelous in their beautiful dresses and handsome suits. It was a day of joy and smiles. It was a day of gifts including Bibles, rosaries, prayer books and other precious items. But most importantly, it was a day that our young students received Jesus into their hearts and lives for the first time in Holy Communion. Thank you to Father Broussard and Father Tan who celebrated the



Mass. In his homily, Father Broussard asked the children if they had ever heard of Napoleon Bonaparte... a European conqueror. He told the students that Napoleon was once asked what the most important day in his life was. Napoleon's immediate response was his First Holy Communion Day. First Holy Communion is such a happy day that I am certain that the majority of all of us remember the day as well. May our students and all of us be forever connected to His love, peace, and blessings. Congratulations Saint Mary's School 4th graders and may God always reign in your hearts.

~ by Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner

Online Resources:

[America Magazine](#) | [The Jesuit Review](#)

Here you can [live-stream Jesuit Masses](#) every day of the week.

Online Liturgies and Information from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe:

For the latest information on [Reopening of Our Churches](#) in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, including the full protocols about covid-19.

The [Archdiocese's YouTube Channel](#)

Sign up for email ASF official [eBlasts](#). You will receive important news sent directly to your email address.

Like the official [Facebook](#) page (Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official), [Twitter](#) (@asfficial) and [Instagram](#).

Our ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE continues to take requests for assistance through calls we get from the call center, 505-346-1500. The requests are handled by phone instead of home visits for now. Calls continue but are fewer, I think since there are a variety of other options during this C19 time.

Peace,
Mary Donato



St Vincent de Paul Society

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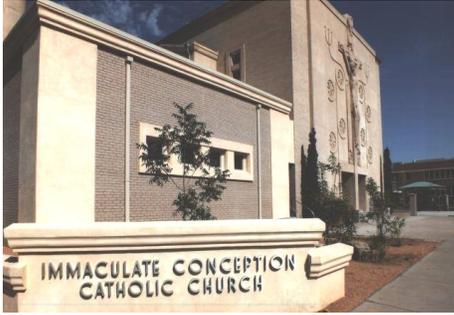
with you such as schedule changes.

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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. 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.

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.