Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Letter to the Hebrews 11:1 teaches us that: Faith is confident assurance about things hoped for and conviction about things we do not see. When we look at Jesus’ teachings in Lk 12:32-48, it is clear that He is calling us to vigilance in faith and charity in a world that is consumed with earthly things. For Jesus said: ...Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Jesus also uses the analogy of servants awaiting their master’s return with lighted lamps. Are the lamps of our souls lit by the Holy Spirit with love for God and neighbor? We do not know when the Lord will return for us but we do know that He will return. Jesus concludes the teaching with an important challenge for us in Lk 12:48 by saying: Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more. Let us not become slackers with the graces, talents and blessings we have received, but rather never delay in bearing good fruit in the service of the Lord wherever we see the need.

Sollemnty of the Assumption

We shall celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary beginning with a Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 14th and with three Masses on Thursday, Aug. 15th, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 opening school Mass and 5:30 p.m. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation, so plan to join us for one of the Masses in order to honor Our Lady’s entrance into heaven and to beseech her intercession for you, our community, our nation and our world.

Opening of School

Please welcome back our teachers, children and staff from their summer holidays as we begin anew this week. Our theme for the new school year is “Jesus, You Take the Lead.” Please take extra care in the parking lot to watch for the little ones walking around through from place to place. Let us also be good neighbors by following all the traffic laws and parking rules here and around the property. We can teach our children courtesy by our own good example.

Catholic Charities Collection

We will take up the annual collection for our local Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Catholic Charities has served this Archdiocese for 73 years and has exalted you above all other pure creatures and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and love….We have a five star children’s learning center, Casa de Corazon, which has given underprivileged children an excellent head start. There are three Centers for Educational Opportunity with English language skills and support for attaining diplomas. There is a Center for Refugee Support to help those who have come to our state legally through U. S. Government placements. There is a Center for Self-Sufficiency and Housing Assistance as well as a Center for Immigration and Citizenship Legal Assistance. In addition, their Center for Community Involvement coordinates over 15,000 volunteer hours a year! Please do what you can to help Catholic Charities continue its excellent work of making the gospel come alive with faith in action among those most in need in our community.

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PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
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Jesus reminds us today that the expectation of the eternal beatitude does not relieve us of the duty to render the world more just and more beautiful. On the contrary, this very hope of ever possessing the eternal Kingdom impels us to work to improve the conditions of earthly life, especially of our nearest brothers and sisters. May the Virgin Mary help us not to be people and communities distanced from the present, or worse, insensible. For her, this has meaning toward the future of God, toward the encounter with him, our life, and our hope.

— Pope Francis, August 12, 2016

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

August 12 Monday
Marinities
9:30 - 10:30 AM
STH
Communion Visits to the Sick & Homebound

August 15 Thursday
Infant Baptism Preparation
9:30 - 10:30 AM
STM
Sunday Readings Discussion

August 17 Friday
Distribution of collection bags for St. Bernardine Pantry After all Masses

RITIE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

At Annunciation, we welcome inquirers who would like to learn more about what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know wants to become Catholic or complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Enchurished), you are invited to the first stage of the RCIA called Inquiry. It will start on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Magdalen Hall. Registration is ongoing through September 15th.

If you are interested, please call Sr. Nece at 299-9111 or pick-up the flyer on the Book rack in the vestibule and drop-off the registration portion at the Parish Office.

CONSILIATION MINISTRY
Consilium Ministry offers Mass every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM followed by praying the Rosary for all deceased members of our Parish, families and friends.
The bereavement group that meets on Thursdays at 6:30 to 8:30 PM in St. Ambrose Hall will begin again in the Fall — watch the bulletin for announcements. This bereavement program is Bible-based and open to anyone who has lost a loved one.
Volunteers are also needed to help with the program. There will be a training program in August for team members and anyone who would like to join. Contact Jim at 299-7277 for details.

RECOVERY IN CHRIST
Recovery in Christ helps support those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction seek a new life in Christ through support group meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is Sept 5th at 7-8 PM. Call 299-9111 with questions or for details.

ENDOW SEMINAR SESSION
ENDOW—Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women will begin in Fall session on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 1-3 PM in St. Francis Hall. Registration will begin on August 15th. Please call the Office at 299-9111 or email Sr. Catharine at opallum26@hotmail.com . For details and/or to register.

FROM THE EDITOR

Religious Education

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Religious Education Programs

Registration is open for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs.

What if young people heard in the Scripture the call to serve?

Religious Education — your children belong here!

Registration is open at the Parish Office Monday - Friday 9 AM - Noon & 1 PM to 5 PM. Registration forms are also in the Church Vestibule to pick up after Mass and drop off at the Parish Office. Call 299-0411 with questions or for additional details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL "THE NET"
6th, 7th, and 8th grade
NEW TIME: Sundays at 3:30 to 5:00 PM
Gym and School Classrooms

NEW PROGRAM MATERIALS

For children in the 3rd grade. Must be enrolled in Religious Education or at Annunciation Catholic School.

RCIA/SACRAMENTAL PREP
For children ages 7 to 18 who are not baptized or missing Sacraments. Contact Leslie at 299-0411 to discuss the needs of your child.

FOOLLOW ME

MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
9 Sessions | Begins Wednesday, September 18th

In "Follow Me" you will:

• Learn what it takes to follow Christ.
• Discover the joy of divine friendship.
• See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Consider Adult Faith Formation to grow your Faith.

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances to seek him, the greatest adventure." — V. Agnesi

NEW FALL PROGRAM:

"A story of faith, love, and redemption.

For more information on how to join, please call 299-0411 or email info@annunciationparishabq.org.
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, August 12th, 2019 — Saturday, August 17th, 2019

MONDAY:
St. Jane Frances De Chantal, Religious
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY:
St. Pontian, Pope and St. Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs
Dt 31:1-8
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY:
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY:
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

FRIDAY:
St. Stephen of Hungry
Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY:
Blessed Virgin Mary
Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, August 15 @ 7:00 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, August 15 @ 7:30 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

MINISTRY

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called upon to be ministers of word and deed. Many of the Scriptures we hear at Mass urge us to take our ministry—our mission—seriously. At Annunciation, we are blessed with many Liturgical Ministers who have heard and answered the call to serve our Parish Community as Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, and Musicians. However, with six Masses every weekend, more help with one ministry or another is needed at almost every Mass! As a new year of parish activities begins, there will be training sessions for these ministries in the coming weeks. If you regularly attend Mass at the same time each week, please look into your heart to see if you are being called to serve your worshiping community in one of these important ways. We have all been blessed with gifts from God; He wants us to use them for the benefit of all!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin in September. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to run this Sunday morning program for young children. If you can help out, please call the liturgy Office at 298-9636. Thank you!

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass
The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:
www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

Saint Pius X Raffle Ticket Sales
St. Pius students will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses on the weekend of August 17th - 18th. The tickets cost $5 each, and the money benefits Athletics and Tuition Assistance.
1st Prize: $20,000
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Prizes: $1,000 each
If your St. Pius student would like to sell tickets, please have them wear their uniform.
If you have any questions, please call Christine Thomas at 531-2724.

TRUE TREASURE

Jesus says, “For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be.” What this really boils down to is asking, “What are your priorities? What is most important in your life?” This is a very difficult challenge for people in our modern culture today because there are so many distractions and temptations that can easily take us away from what is most important. This creates difficulties in our relationships, especially with God, family, and with those who are in need. Many people may say that they love God, but is that where their heart is, or is it their heart filled and divided with many things that distract them from God and even take them away from God? Are our families where our treasure lies, or are we easily distracted by cell phones, the Internet, TV, hobbies, and so on? This Gospel reading provides the opportunity to take stock of our priorities and to discern whether we treasure what is truly important and lasting in life—especially what has eternity, the state of our soul and our relationship with God. This week’s readings also call us to almsgiving, to share our treasure, most specifically our financial treasures with those who are in need. The blessings that God gives us are not to be kept for ourselves, but are to be given to the poor and those in need. When we give alms, the book of Proverbs says it is like we are giving a loan to God, to see the blessings he has bestowed on us to help others (“He who has compassion on the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his good deed.” Proverbs 19:17). The beautiful thing is that God promises to pay us back one hundredfold for our generosity and faith. The question that Jesus poses to us this week is whether we have the faith to give of our treasures and trust God in his love and generosity.

For more reflections like this go to FORMED.ORG
To watch/listen to good Catholic programming, go to the website and use our parish code: $NNT6F and enjoy a variety of movies, programs, books and more.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE. Visit the Youth and Young Adult website to sign up.

Confirmation I & II registration is now open in the parish office. Register your student for classes Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

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6:00pm, Gym
August 14th
Pack 280 Kick-Off / Registration
6:30 pm, Gym
September 3rd
AHG Kick-Off / Registration
5-6pm, Community Center, August 23rd

Young Adult Ministry
MON 08.12
Bible Study
For more information call the YTA Office.

Christendom #21

Jesus does not teach you, young people, from afar or from without, but from within your very youth, a youth he shares with you. It is very important for you to contemplate the young Jesus as presented in the Gospels, for he was truly one of you, and shares many of the features of your young hearts. We see this for example in the following: “Jesus had unsatisfactory parents in the Father, he maintained friendship with his disciples, and even in moments of crisis he remained faithful to them. He showed profound compassion for the weakest, especially the poor, the sick, sinners and the excluded, he knew what it was to feel misunderstood and rejected. He turned his gaze to the future, entrusting himself into the Father’s safe hands in the strength of the Spirit. In Jesus, all the young can see themselves.”

YEA EVENTS CALENDAR

Theology on Tap
Wednesday, August 14
Finding Paradise
Presenting:
Fr. Jason LaConde, SJ

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