This week’s liturgy speaks to us about the mission of salvation. As the Lord reveals through the prophet Isaiah, cf. Is. 6:18-21, Israel’s mission is to bring many peoples to know the Lord. In fact, God chose Israel in order to be a light to the nations, bringing them into the fold of God’s rich mercy. Psalm 117:1-2 says, “Praise the Lord, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples! For steadfast is his kindness towards us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever.” Jesus came to fulfill those prophecies as the Lord and Savor of all nations. But when asked if only a few people would be saved, in Lk. 13:23-23, Jesus points out that we must, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” This suggests that following through on the gift of salvation is an arduous task requiring great fortitude. In other words, we must persevere in running the race and not give in to those temptations to give up on the challenge of following Jesus. Now is not the time to leave Christ Jesus and his Church but rather the time to stand up and fight for what is true, good and blessed in the Catholic Church. How then can we remain in the Church and on the narrow road to heaven? St. John Eudes suggests: “We must continue to accomplish in ourselves the stages of Jesus’ life and his mysteries and often to beg him to perfect and realize them in us and in his whole Church... For it is the plan of the Son of God to make us and the whole Church partake in his mysteries and to extend them to and continue them in us and in his whole Church. This is his plan for fulfilling his mysteries in us.” Cf. CCC §521. Therefore, we must begin the journey to heaven already here on earth by living the life of Christ in word and deed both interiorly and exteriorly. Come Lord Jesus, dwell within us and help us to manifest your life in the world!

CASA ANGELICA BENEFIT DINNER

Remember to join in the Casa Angelica Benefit Dinner on Friday, Sept. 6th at 6 p.m. in the Sandia Resort. This dinner helps our Canossian Daughters of Charity continue their outstanding service to the most fragile children among us. For tickets please call 505-877–5763. Viva Casa Angelica and blessings to all those serving these beloved children of God!

THE KING’S MEN

All men are invited to join a new men’s group called “The King’s Men” which has dynamic Catholic formation and weekly accountability in prayer, spiritual reading and discussion of Catholic topics. The desire of the King’s Men is to grow in holiness and virtue in order to become better leaders, protectors and providers. If you are interested in this manly journey of faith with brotherhood and support, please come to an informational meeting on Wed., Sept. 11 in St. Francis Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information go to mvillareal22@hotmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERNAGU

Fr. Nathan Libaire and Fr. Juan Mendez invite you to join them on a pilgrimage to the Catholic shrines in Germany, Belgium and Holland from May 19-30, 2020. You will experience the famous Passion Play of Oberammergau which is only performed once every ten years. The trip includes round trip air fare from Albuquerque, hotels, 2 daily meals, tour guides, tickets to the play and more. The special discount price available for double occupancy is $4,699.00 per person. For brochures you may call 505-898-5253, ext. 1 or email info@holylande.com.
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
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Today's Gospel passage urges us to meditate on the topic of salvation. The door of God's mercy is narrow but is always open to everyone. God does not have preferences, but always welcomes everyone, without distinction. A narrow door to restrain our pride and our fear, a door open wide because God welcomes us without distinction. And the salvation that He gives us is an innumerable flow of mercy that overcomes every barrier and opens surprising perspectives of light and peace. The door is narrow but always open wide: do not forget this. — Pope Francis, Angelus, August 21, 2016

This Week's Meetings/Activities

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

RCIA Inquiry sessions are ongoing each Tuesday at 7:00 - 9:00 PM in St. Magdalen Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. It is not too late to join — Registration is on-going through September 25th.

If you are interested, please call Sr. Necy 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.

Consolation Ministry
Consolation 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.

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 222-7297 for details.

The Social Concerns Collection
For this month is for St. Bernardette Pantry. Please drop off your donations in the Church parking this weekend. God bless your generosity.

Women's Guild Membership Coffee
For details, please call 662-1579 or 251-8191.

Religious Education Programs

Registration is open for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs What if the people of the Bible became true models of courage?

Registration forms are also in the Church Vestibule to pick up after Mass and drop off at the Parish Office. Call 296-0411 with questions or for additional details.

+ Elementary Religious Education
Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade
Wednesdays at 4:15 to 5:45 PM
Annunciation School Classrooms
Loyola Press - Finding God Series

+ Middle School Religious Education
6th & 7th Grade
NEW TIME: Sundays at 3:30 to 5:00 PM + NEW Catechetical Program Materials from St. Mary’s Press Gym and Annunciation School Classrooms

+ Confirmation
For youth in 8th, 9th or 10th grade who need the first preparatory year of catechesis to move on to Confirmation II and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Sundays at 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the Annunciation School Classrooms and Gym

+ First Eucharist & Reconciliation
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 10 who are not baptized or missing Sacraments. Contact Leslie at 296-0411 for details.
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, August 26th, 2019 — Saturday, August 31st, 2019

MONDAY: Weekday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
TUESDAY: St. Monica 1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:26
WEDNESDAY: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
THURSDAY: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mk 6:17-29
FRIDAY: Weekday 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13
SATURDAY: Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

MUSIC & LITURGICAL MINISTRY
Dr. Jane Smith, Director 298-9636
Rose Marie Vigil, Administrative Assistant

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, August 29 @ 7:00 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

The Annunciation Parish Mixed Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 5. We encourage anyone of any age who enjoys singing to join our choir! This choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the church. We sing every few weeks at weekend Masses; there is not one “Choir Mass”--we sing at various Mass times, so the whole parish can be inspired and supported by the choir’s musical leadership. No audition is necessary; please contact Dr. Jane Smith at the Parish office, or just come to the rehearsal on September 5!

MINISTRY
Training Session for Communion Ministers:
Monday, September 9 @ 6:45 pm, in the church
More Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at every weekend Mass! Whatever Mass you regularly attend, we need you! Please consider offering your service in this deeply spiritual ministry. Call the Liturgy Office at 298-9636 for information, or to sign up for the class. Thank you for your service!

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

CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Registration
Register in the parish office Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1 pm-3pm
(look for registration forms in the Church’s vestibule and drop it at the office)
ONLINE Registration: annunciation-ya.wordpress.com

Youth and Young Adult EVENTS

Scouting
Troop 280 Meeting
6:00pm, Gym, August 28

Pack 280 Kick-Off / Registration
6:30 pm, Gym, September 3rd

AHG Kick-Off / Registration
3:30pm, Community Center, August 23rd

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