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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (ORDINARY TIME)

After Jesus’ challenging teaching on the need to forgive even seven times a day, if necessary, in the 17th Chapter of Luke, the apostles say to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” in verse 5. Jesus then uses the image of the mustard seed, a very tiny seed, as an analogy of faith powerful enough to do mighty things. That is the kind of faith of which St. Paul speaks to St. Timothy in 2 Tm. 1:6-7 when he says: “I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have...of power and love and self-control.” Perhaps you have practiced your faith and prayed faithfully for years and wondered, like the Prophet Habakkuk, when your faith would be fulfilled and your prayers answered. Do not give up hope, for as the Lord told Habakkuk in Hb. 2:3-4: “For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not be late; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.” The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.” Now is not the time to give up on prayer as the world needs our prayer and our witness of mercy more than ever. Rejoice the Lord to increase your faith and then exercise it with confidence and trust! Oh Lord, increase our faith and help us trust You!

FATHER RAMOS’ TRANSFER

We have received notice from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that Father Ramos has been called to a new assignment, serving as the Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and its Missions in Bernallillo, effective Friday, October 11th. We are ever so grateful for Father’s nine years of service to Annunciation Parish and for the untold number of lives he has touched in service of the Church in our community. Father Ramos will be deeply missed by his fellow clergy and by our parishioners who have come close to him over the years. Please give Father Ramos your prayerful support and good wishes as he makes this transition to his new assignment in Bernallillo. Vaya con Dios, Padre!

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Today we join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Sunday with the theme of “Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life.” Jesus makes it clear in Matt. 25:40 that when we show mercy to the least among us, we show it to him. Who are the least among us today? Let us begin with the innocent children in the womb-completely defenseless and dependent on others to protect and nurture their lives. What about the sick and the elderly? What about the homeless? Maybe we should focus first on the women and children who are seeking a safe harbor for their families. We can help one or more days a week. Birthright of Albuquerque is in need of volunteers, especially Spanish speaking volunteers. You can help one or more days a week. Birthright’s motto is “It is the right of every mother to give birth—the right to stand up for what St. Paul says in Phil. 4:8, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure...” Like the Good Samaritan, let us heal the wounds of our sisters and brothers by joining in the 40 Days For Life prayer vigil or by voting for life issues or by interceding for the most abandoned in our midst. We can promote godliness and bring hope to the world by witnessing to the Light of Christ with a renewed respect for life in every season of life. Our Lady of Life, pray for us!

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This Week's Meetings/Activities

Oct 6 Sunday Social Concerns Meeting 11:00 - 12:30 PM SPH
          Marriage 9:30 - 10:30 AM SPH

Oct 7 Monday

Oct 8 Tuesday RCIU 7:00 - 8:00 PM SPH

Oct 10 Thursday Sunday Readings Refection 9:30 - 10:30 AM SPH
          ENDOW — Human Race 1:00 - 3:00 PM SPH
          Consolation Ministry Bereavement Support Group 9:30 - 8:00 PM SPH

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING

Please consider becoming a sponsor of a family in one of our neighboring parishes or for a family in our ministry for our blessings from the Lord by providing food for those in need on this special day. If you are senior citizen or single, and would like to help, you may offer a check (payable to Annunciation) for "pasta" instead of preparing boxes for a family. Adopt-A-Family forms are available in the church vestibule. To register or for more info, call Joe and Beverly Rudys at 283-5650 or e-mail us at annunciationfooddrive@gmail.com

Dignity of the Person Ministry

Domestic Violence/Abuse Awareness Forum
in Partnership with our Collaborating Bishops and the Bishops of our Diocese will be held on Sunday, October 6th, 11:00-12:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The event will feature presentations on the topics of Domestic Violence/Acme Abuse, and a panel discussion with representatives from local organizations that are working to help survivors of abuse.

Consolation Ministry

Consolation Ministry offers the Mass for the mentally and physically disabled who are unable to attend Masses. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The Mass will be held on the third Thursday of the month at the Church of the Annunciation at 7:00 PM.

October is Respect Life Month

This year's theme, Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life, is particularly suited for the time in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we are called to show Christ's love and compassion to those who are seeking to choose life and love, and much more.

Women's Guild Sewing Workshop

Wed, Oct. 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Sacred Heart Hall. **All are welcome to attend**

Women's Guild: 2747 Adoration Chapel

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, October 7th, 2019 — Saturday, October 12th, 2019

MONDAY: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jon 1:1-2:11  
Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY: Weekday  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY: St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs and St. John Leonard, Priest  
Jon 11:1-4  
Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY: Weekday  
Mal 3:13-20b  
Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY: St. John XXIII, Pope  
Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY: Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary  
Jl 4:12-21  
Lk 11:27-28

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MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, October 10 @ 6:45 pm, in the church  
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 10 @ 7:30 pm, in the church  
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

MINISTRY
Children's Liturgy of the Word is held in the Community Center every Sunday during the 9:00 am & 10:30 am Masses. Information and Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office and at the Sunday morning meetings. 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!

Lost-and-Found Items will be on tables in the vestibule of the church this weekend and next weekend (October 5 & 6 and October 12 & 13). Anything that has been found in church—rosaries, prayer books, jackets, hats, etc.—can be claimed from these tables. All unclaimed items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul store.

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

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:  www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

CONFIRMATION II
Register in the parish office Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm  
Classes Sunday, 3:30—5:00 in the Community Center

THE KINGS MEN
Men: do you want to experience your faith in a masculine way? If you answered yes to this question, then you are invited to check out THE KING’S MEN. This exciting masculine faith formation program has opportunities for you to gain a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith in a masculine modality. Please join our band of brothers in seeking a development in our God-given roles as leader, protector and provider.

A weekly formation meeting is taking place every WEDNESDAY at Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church from 7:00-8:30 pm. For questions, contact TKM.Annunciation@gmail.com or visit The King's Men—Annunciation Facebook.

As people of faith, we mistakenly believe that if we pound the door of heaven long and hard enough, God will produce some tangible results. Whether this takes the form of using His strong arm to counter violence with peace, bring wisdom to the minds of the perpetrating, name out some measure of justice, or simply end the world once and for all, it doesn’t mat- ter. We want to see results! After all, doesn’t it make sense that if I work hard enough to merit some kind of Divine favor that I should get something in return? This may make some sense through human eyes, but not God’s. God tells us to wait. The vision will surely come. Wait. We don’t like to hear that. If we are looking for more dramatic results, we can easily find ourselves getting discouraged. We may even find ourselves asking, “If God is not going to do more about this mess we are in, then what’s the point?” We lose faith. Waiting is difficult as it requires patient endurance without substantial immediate gratification. We tend to think that we are more profitable in God’s eyes if we go above and beyond in our relationship with Him. But, it doesn’t work quite like that.

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To respond to our vaca- tion, we need to foster and develop all that we are. This has nothing to do with inventing ourselves or cre- ating ourselves out of nothing. It has to do with finding our true selves in the Light of God and letting our hearts flourish and bear fruit.