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.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s liturgy is focused on the virtue of gratitude. As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, in Luke 17:11-19, He encounters a group of ten lepers who call out “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” In response, Jesus sends them to the priests to claim the healing He would grant them as they made their way there. Once one of the lepers, a Samaritan, realizes that he is healed, he returns to thank Jesus. Where were the other nine? Once we receive healings, graces and blessings from God, do we then merely go about our business without thanking God? Have we become so callous and self-centered that it’s only about what I want? The truly Christian soul realizes that all the blessings we receive are a gift from God which we have not merited.

We would do well to give thanks to God for all the experiences of our lives, both good and bad, as it is God who can transform them into true blessings which are eternal.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 2637, states:
“Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what it is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the Body participates in that of his Head.”

CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

Please remember the priests of the Archdiocese in prayer this week as we gather for our Convocation of Priests in Taos. You will be remembered in our prayers too. Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us!

CANNONIZATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Pope Francis is canonizing the great English Cardinal, Blessed John Henry Newman, today in Rome. The Newman Centers on campuses all around the country are named after him because of his great influence in university education. Let us pray that St. John Henry Newman will help us all put the love of wisdom, knowledge and truth above the deceptions of our times.

Almighty Creator and Heavenly Father, in John Henry Newman, your priest and cardinal, You have taught us an unwavering respect for objective truth and dogma, love for the Scriptures, reverence for Tradition, and the inexpressible dignity of the conscience to moral truths. We humbly ask You through his intercession to bestow on us the gifts of Your Spirit that we may grow in Your knowledge and love, and serve You in our neighbors. We also ask that You grant us the favor of... if it be in accord with Your most holy will. We pray this in Christ’s Name. Amen.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next weekend’s second collection is for the World Missions. The theme this year is “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.” Pope Francis invites us all to see that we are missionaries wherever we are, bringing the Good News of Jesus to the world. The Holy Father invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the people. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and thank you for your generosity to the Society of the Propagation of the Faith which funds the Missions worldwide.

NURTURE YOUR LOVE

Dating, engaged and married couples are invited to strengthen their relationship by exploring the topics of Communication, Conflict Management, Healthy Intimacy, Spirituality and Finances. The “Nurture Your Love” interactive program will be for 6 consecutive Wednesdays, Oct. 16-Nov. 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Catholic Center here in Albuquerque. The program’s fee is $30 per couple with free childcare with advanced reservations. To register contact Yvette at ydaran@archdiocesabq.org or call the ASF Family Life Office at 505-831-8117.
A New Mission — In Salt Lake City, a group of people is working on an innovative model for healthcare. The group is called Heal Salt Lake, and it is a collaborative effort between local hospitals, community organizations, and residents. The mission of Heal Salt Lake is to improve health outcomes by focusing on prevention and early intervention.

The group has identified several key areas of focus:

1. **Community Engagement:** Heal Salt Lake is committed to involving community members in the decision-making process. They believe that people who are directly affected by health issues should have a voice in shaping the solutions.
2. **Data-Driven Approach:** The group uses data to identify areas of need and to measure the effectiveness of their interventions. This allows them to make evidence-based decisions and to adjust their strategies as needed.
3. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Heal Salt Lake brings together professionals from various disciplines, including healthcare providers, social workers, and community leaders, to work together on solving complex health problems.
4. **Prevention and Early Intervention:** By focusing on prevention and early intervention, Heal Salt Lake aims to reduce the burden of chronic diseases and to improve overall health outcomes.

Heal Salt Lake is an example of how collaboration and innovation can be used to address complex social issues. By working together and using evidence-based approaches, this group is making a difference in the lives of people in Salt Lake City.
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, October 14th, 2019 — Saturday, October 19th, 2019

MONDAY:  St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr  Rom 1:1-7  Lk 11:29-32
TUESDAY:  St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  Rom 1:16-25  Lk 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY:  St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Mary Alacoque, Virgin  Rom 2:1-11  Lk 11:42-46
THURSDAY:  St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr  Rom 3:21-30  Lk 11:47-54
FRIDAY:  St. Luke, Evangelist  2 Tm 4:10-17b  Lk 10:1-9
SATURDAY:  St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs  Rom 4:13, 16-18  Lk 12:8-12

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

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, October 17 @ 6:45 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 17 @ 7:30 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

The Annunciation Parish Mixed Choir has started a new year of rehearsals! 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 a Thursday rehearsal!

MINISTRY
Lector Training: Monday, October 21 @ 6:45 pm, in the church. Everyone who is interested in serving as a Lector here at Annunciation is urged to attend this orientation/training session. The Church teaches us that one of the ways Christ is made present at our liturgies is in the proclamation of Holy Scripture! Whether you have been a Lector at other parishes or are new to this great ministry, please come and become an active part of our ministry team at Annunciation. Please call Dr. Jane Smith at 298-9636 for information.

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 for information.

Lost-and-Found Items will be on tables in the vestibule of the church this weekend (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.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass

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

In St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy, he writes, “If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.” St. Paul teaches that as the Body of Christ, we are one with Jesus and that even if we are unfaithful to Him, He remains faithful to us because we belong to each other. The thing is, we are afraid of losing ourselves in surrendering to Jesus. We want to die with him in Baptism, but when we arise, we would like some autonomy. We want to forge our own path. We want our freedom. It is not hard to look at our current society and see countless examples of this fear in action. Athletes, politicians, and artists demonstrate this fear of losing themselves in something or someone else. These struggles don’t even have to do with belonging to God. It is easy to imagine that if you can’t let yourself belong to a team, a band, or another entity on earth, it is tough letting go to some heavenly being, especially if you have never met them or developed an authentic relationship with them. Tracy Earl Weller