From the Pastor

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

EPHPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Magi who come from the east to worship the newborn King of Israel. Imagine their surprise when they found the Child Jesus, Messiah and King born in a stable. Our Savior was born as a humble, shepherd king. Nonetheless, these wise men bring Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold signified a gift worthy of a king, myrrh signified his mortality and frankincense his divinity. Let us offer Jesus the gold of our love, the myrrh of our mortality and the incense of our worship. In many parts of the world, especially in the east, gifts are exchanged on Epiphany, traditionally the 12th day of Christmas, in order to commemorate the gifts presented by the Magi. Perhaps to better celebrate this year we could present Jesus with the gift of our time in praying in the Adoration Chapel, volunteering service in works of mercy in the community, reconciling with enemies, ministering in the Church or the like. St. Paul said to the Ephesians 3:6 in today’s second reading:
In Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the promise through the preaching of the gospel. As Jesus manifests love and blessing for the entire world at the Epiphany, may we bless others in return with our own gifts of peace.
Rejoice! Jesus is born and made manifest in Bethlehem to the shepherds and the Magi. Come let us adore Him!

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Please wait until the end of the month for the 2019 financial statement. It takes awhile to reconcile all the reports and make them available to you, but our staff is working hard to get that out as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous, financial support to the parish throughout 2019.

JESUS

Jesus is the Savior... Receive Him.
Jesus is the Shepherd... Follow Him.
Jesus is the King... Serve Him.
Jesus is the Lord... Trust Him.
Jesus is the Christ... Worship Him.
Jesus is the Life... Enjoy Him!
(adapted from dayspring)

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection, you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal. (from St. Bernard of Clairvaux)
Sanctity of Life Awareness & Unity Mass

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in Santa Fe
Annunciation parish will host a day for those who want to attend. Sign-up will be on the weekend of January 10 & 11, 2020.

Join us at the three Dioceses of New Mexico prayerfully mark the 47th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion with a Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day. The day includes a Mass at Noon at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe, a prayer procession and rally at the Roundhouse and visiting legislators.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John C. Wester with the other Bishops of New Mexico concelebrating.

That Man is You

Catholic Men’s ministry that is transforming men into the “best versions of themselves”, Currently on Christmas break until Jan 11th. Next session will be Saturday, January 18th at 7 AM at Annunciation Community Center studying Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom by Jeff Cavins with the Great Adventure Bible Study Series. For more information contact: Polo Piero poldi@yahoo.com 505-3149 or Anthony Vigil ankvigil@gmail.com 975-7449.

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LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, January 6th — Saturday, January 11th, 2020

MONDAY: Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 3:22-4:6  Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond of Peafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:1-5  Mt 4:18-25

WEDNESDAY: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:6-10  Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18  Mt 6:34-44

FRIDAY: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:1-5  Lk 4:25-30

SATURDAY: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:1-12  Jn 3:22-30

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

“Go, tell it on the mountain...”

Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, January 9, 6:45 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 9, 7:30 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm, in the church

MINISTRY

“Then entered in those wise men three...”

Thank you to everyone and anyone who helped out in any way: by serving, by singing, by welcoming those from near and far who came to celebrate the Lord’s birth with us. Advent and Christmas may be short seasons in the Church Year, but the Advent message of preparation and anticipation and the Christmas proclamation of joy and good news can enlighten our lives throughout the coming calendar year. May 2020 be a year of hope, peace, love — and joy! Happy New Year!!!

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.
Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass

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