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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today the Liturgy of the Word continues the theme of light in the midst of the darkness as St. Matthew quotes Isaiah 9:1-3 in order to connect Jesus’ ministry in Galilee to the prophecy foreshadowing his coming. Jesus reaches out to those who are followers in the most undesirable and unpredictable places, like the seaside of Galilee, though prophesied nonetheless. Jesus calls two sets of brothers, Andrew and Simon Peter as well as James and John to go forth from fishing to assisting Jesus in proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God, cf. Mt 4:23. Yes, we are all called to help Jesus by bringing good news to our world in our own time, united in the purpose of saving souls. Ps. 27:1 tells us that: The Lord is my light and my salvation. With that in mind, we are to promulgate this gift of divine light and the grace of salvation in a spirit of unity. In 1 Cor 1:10-13, St. Paul reminds us that there should be no divisions among us but rather agreement on the essentials of our faith. Divisions among Christians are a scandal to the world and turn souls away from accepting the faith. Let us continue to work and pray with fellow Christians, as we did this past Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in order to bring about a culture of light and life which overshadows the kingdom of darkness.

THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. In his promulgation on Sept. 30th, Aperuit Illis, based on Lk 24:45, Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Pope Francis wrote: “The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words....The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to the Lord, it moves from dispersion and division toward unity as well as come to understand God’s love and become inspired to share it with others.” In a world where we are distracted, confused and deceived by so many false voices, we must return to the voice of God revealed in the Bible, the Word of God. Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures just as much today as He did two thousand years ago. Let us receive the Word of God into our hearts by reading it always prayerfully meditating upon the Word. Surely, the Lord will then move us into living the Word and transforming not only our hearts but the hearts of those we encounter in our lives. Come Lord and open our minds and hearts to your Word!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

The theme for this year’s National Catholic Schools week, Jan. 26-Feb. 1, is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff and our teachers at Annunciation School and St. Pius High School for taking the lead in teaching our students to serve, learn, lead and succeed in our community. I am always delighted to see the enthusiasm our students and teachers have for learning about all subjects and in particular about our Catholic faith. Thank you, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. McCarthy for your leadership and perseverance over these past 15 years. There are over 5,000 Catholic Schools here in the United States educating close to two million students. We are blessed with over 400 of those students right here at Annunciation School who excel in faith, academics, sports, art, music, service to the community and much more. Our staff, school families and students, thank you for your parishes’ support, for subsidizing our school each year and for your moral support you give them. Please consider donating through the green envelopes so that the growing number of students in financial need may be assisted to continue their education here at Annunciation. May God continue to bless our school as a lighthouse of the Christ as we follow our 2019-20 theme of “Jesus, You take the lead.”
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e, today’s Christians, have the joy of proclaiming and witnessing to our faith because there was that first announcement, because there were those humble and courageous men who responded generously to Jesus’ call. The shores of the lake, an inconceivable land, the first community of disciples of Christ was born. May the knowledge of these beginnings give rise in us to the desire to hear Jesus’ word, love and tenderness in every context, even the most difficult and dangerous. To carry the Word to all the peoples. All the spaces of human living are on which to cast the seeds of the Gospel, so they may bear the fruit of salvation.

—Pope Francis, Angelus, January 22, 2017

**PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

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**THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES**

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**GEMS Senior Ministry**

GEMS will have a presentation of information for seniors regarding safety and available services in Albuquerque. It will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 1:30 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. All Seniors are invited.

**RCIA Dismissal**

The catechumens will be dismissed at the 10:30 AM Masses in January and the 8 AM Masses in February. When the catechumens are dismissed, they are continuing rather than ending their worship. They go out after the Liturgy of the Word to reflect more deeply on what they have just experienced. It is not catechesis nor an end to their liturgical participation; it is a time for reflection into the mystery of Christ made present in the Word as they prepare to enter the faith this Easter.

**Recovery in Christ**

helps 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 Feb. 9th at 7:00 PM in St. Magdalene Hall.

When parents say “yes” to life for their child, they are saying “yes” to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (John 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying “yes” to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given as long as it is given."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

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**Religious Education**

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**Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Free Throw Championship**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting this fun event for all the youth of our parish. Watch this bulletin page for information on this year's winner!

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**Religious Education Programs**

**Education & Sacramental Preparation**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020**

January 18-25, 2020

Unusual Kindness (Lk. Acts 26:20)

A huge thanks to everyone who attended our Christian Unity prayer service and for bringing your neighbors, family and friends. Please continue to pray and work for Christian Unity throughout the year!

Loving God, we ask that you would grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as You are one with our Lord Jesus Christ—and He with You. Enable all the members of the body of Christ, to live together in unity and fellowship with one another, and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness—so that we may be well pleasing in Your Sight.

We ask You to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing Your Son Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship. This we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR MONEY WITH**

**FUNDRAISING PEACE**

**University at Annunciation**

**MINISTRY OF MOTHERS (MOMS)**

Join your fellow moms for faith, fellowship, support and fun as we work toward raising future saints!

*Next meeting is Tuesday, January 28th at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Magdalene Hall. Children are welcome to attend with their mothers. Contact Rebecca at perko.rebecca@gmail.com*

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**Adoration Chapel**

Stay by the Parish Office for information on how to experience the Presence of Our Lord and consider signing up for a weekly Adoration Time. Contact Leslie at 296-0411 for more information.

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**25 YEARS OF LIVES CHANGED**

Over 5 million people have learned to pray the rosary and invest in their future with Financial Peace University. It’s your turn now!
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, January 27th — Saturday, February 1st, 2020

**MONDAY:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

**TUESDAY:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mk 3:31-35

**THURSDAY:** Weekday
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

**FRIDAY:** Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25

**SATURDAY:** St. John Bosco
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

**MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS**

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

**MINISTRY**
Due to the current flu season, Communion is being distributed only from the plate. You are also asked to receive from the hand, even if this is not your preferred manner of reception. At the Sign of Peace, please do not shake hands, but extend another gesture or word of Christian greeting. These restrictions have been instituted for the common good and health of all the members of our assembly.

**Liturgical Ministers:** Please check your new Liturgy Schedule carefully. Every week, at almost every Mass, it seems we have to “fill in” ministers for those who do not show up. If your schedule and obligations have changed and make it impossible for you to honor your commitment to serve, please inform us as soon as possible. Even if you are not scheduled to serve at a particular Mass on a certain date, please come back to the Adornment Room to see if you may still be needed. Thank you for your conscientiousness and dedication!

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

**Anointing of the Sick:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass

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

**ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Annunciation Catholic School students would like to thank parishioners for their unending support. We invite you to a continental breakfast and short musical presentation on Monday, January 27 after the 8:30 Mass in the Community Center.

Are you interested in having your child/ren attend Annunciation Catholic School? You are welcome to our Open House on Thursday, January 30 9:00 – 1:00. Additionally, feel free to contact the school office anytime to set up a visit – 298-6783 or email Amy McCarthy at amccarty@acsabq.org