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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Presentation in the Temple of the hands of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity was popularly called “Candelmas” for centuries because of the tradition of blessing and lighting candles to commemorate the prophetic words of St. Simeon who, upon seeing the child Jesus, declared in Lk 2:22-32: “...my own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. In addition, the prophetess Anna testified to everyone in the Temple that Jesus was indeed the redeemer for whom they were looking. Cf. Lk 2:36-38. Though this was a great occasion for hope and joy, there was also a touch of sadness when Simeon, in Lk 2:23, prophesied to Our Lady that: “...a sword will pierce through your own soul so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Perhaps it was from this point that the Blessed Mother would begin to be called Our Lady of Sorrows. Indeed Our Lady has great compassion for our own sorrows as she endured the redemptive suffering of her Son Jesus with extraordinary pity, mercy and grace. Let us all present our own prayers, works, joys, sufferings and gifts to the Lord in the Temple of the Church today and every day so that we might be illumined by God’s grace and empowered to bring that grace into our daily encounters.

WORD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Feb. 2nd is the Annual World Day for Consecrated Life. We give thanks, today, for the religious women and men who have touched our lives with Jesus, like our Canossian Daughters of Charity and the many other religious who have taught us, led us and inspired us to make Jesus known to the world and to live our lives in a way that would bring about the Kingdom of God. Today we remember and pray for all those who have dedicated their lives to the religious life and for those who are considering this call. May the Lord grant them an abundant foresight to enter in a life of consecration. May the Church be a mother to all of them, helping them to experience the love of God as those who are called to join in a holy marriage with Christ, subjecting themselves entirely to the Will of God in the life of prayer, sacrifice and service as a sign of the Holy Family. May the Lord bless them with an abundant grace and empowered to bring that grace into our daily encounters.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This year’s theme for the ACA is “His Mercy Endures Forever: Proclaim the Gospel!” Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation directly impacts ministry to some of the most marginalized people in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe: those living with disabilities, at risk youth, the elderly, the sick, immigrants, those struggling with addictions, the incarcerated and many more. In addition, your support of the ACA is used to educate our seminarians, fund our Marriage Tribunal and the Ecumenical and Interreligious Office promoting unity and peace. Knowing that the ACA funds are used for the ongoing operation and good works of the Archdiocese, and not for the bankruptcy case, we thank you for whatever you can give to help the local Church proclaim the gospel throughout northern New Mexico and beyond. This year’s goal is once again $155,000 and added to our parish goal of another $155,000 comes to a grand total of $310,000. We intend to use the parish portion of our goal for a new church organ which just arrived to take the place of our old organ which gave out on us about a year ago. If every family would participate with some donation, we could make a huge difference in providing for the education of our future priests and so many other important archdiocesan works. Please consider joining in with your fellow parishioners this year in being a blessing to those in need right here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.
The poor in spirit is the Christian who does not rely on himself, on material wealth, but is obstinate in his own opinions, but who listens with respect and willingly deys to the decisions of others. If our communities there were more of the poor in spirit, there would be fewer divisions, disagreements and controversies! Humility, like charity, is an essential virtue for living together in Christian communities.

—Pope Francis, Angelus, January 29, 2017

**THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES**

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**RCIA Dismissal**
The catechumens will be dismissed at the 9 AM Masses in February. 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 catechism 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.

**Women’s Guild Mardi Gras**
The Women’s Guild of St. Nicholas will celebrate the beginning of Lent with a Mardi Gras Potluck dinner on Saturday, February 15th from 6-9 PM in the Parish Community Center. Food items may be dropped off prior to the 5 PM Mass.

**That Man is You**
Catholic Men’s ministry: Next session is Saturday, February 8th at 7 AM at Our Lady of the Annunciation, study Acts of the Apostles, Session 9.

**LRS5: Exodus Part 2**
LRS5 continues with Part 2 of the Exodus study begun in the Fall. Spring sessions will begin Wednesday, February 10th and continue through March 11th at 9:30 to 11 AM in St. Bakhita Hall. Call the Parish Office for more details.

**LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY WITH FINANCIAL PLANNING UNIVERSITY AT ANNUNCIATION**

**Religious Education Programs**

**Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation**

**WE ACCEPT CHILDREN IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY YEAR-AROUND**

**Elementary Religious Education (Pre-K - 5th grade)**
Regular classes this week, Feb. 8th at 4:15 to 5:45 PM
Next Wednesday, Feb. 12th
**FAMILY MASS**
Meet at 5 PM in the Church with your family in lieu of regular classes.

**Middle School Religious Education (6th & 7th grade)**
& Confirmation I Program (6th - 9th, 9th - 10th grade)

**RCIC/Sacrament Prep (For children missing Sacraments)**
Sunday, February 2nd (Sunday School) Regular classes will resume NEXT Sunday, Feb. 9th at 9:30 to 5:30 PM in gym & classrooms

**Give the Works of Mercy**
“Daily, Consistently and Consistently” with Hearts Afire Parish Programs Today, Sunday, February 2nd at 1:30 p.m. in St. Magdalen Hall. Studying Session 14, pages 83-115 of “You Did It to Me: A Painless Guide to Mercy in Action” by Fr. Michael Gallay, MIC.

**Ministry of Peace Support (MOPS)**
Join your fellow morns for fellowship, support and fun as we work toward raising future saints!

**Adoration Chapel**
Stop by the Parish Office for information on how to expediteff the presence of Our Lord and consider signing up for a weekly Adoration time. Contact Leslie at 296-0411 for more information.
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, February 3rd — Saturday, February 8th, 2020

MONDAY: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13  
Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY: Weekday  
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17  
Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY: Weekday  
Sir 47:2-11  
Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin & Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Kgs 3:4-13  
Mk 6:30-34

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, February 6, 6:45 pm, IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 6, 7:30 pm, IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
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 in 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 19, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass (note date change)

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

THE KING’S MEN

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—8:30pm. For questions, contact TKM.Annunciation@gmail.com or visit The King’s Men—Annunciation Facebook page.