**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 23, 2020**

**From the Pastor**

**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

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Today’s liturgy calls us to become our best selves when we hear the Lord speak to Moses in Lk 19:2 saying: Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. The holiness code presented here, and later quoted by Jesus, teaches us in Lk 19:18 ...you shall love your neighbor as yourself... In Mt 5:38-48, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount teachings by further elevating the code of holiness to the seemingly impossible. In Mt 5:44, Jesus teaches us to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... and then concludes in verse 48: So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. How can we possibly live up to such a standard? In 1 Cor. 3:16, St. Paul may give us the clue when he asks: Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? When we embrace the Holy Spirit for wisdom and fortitude we are able to do what the world would say is impossible, even loving our enemies by willing their salvation and praying for them before the throne of God. Conversion is possible for all souls and we can be intercessors for the many who have yet to hear what Psalm 103:8 reveals: Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT**

We begin the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th. We will have Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. for school, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m. at the end of which ashes will be distributed. Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat, a sacrifice to commemorate the Lord’s passion. The precept for abstinence binds those 14 years of age and older while the precept for fasting binds those from 18 years of age to 59, unless there are health considerations.

We will host the traditional soup suppers at 6:00 p.m. and the Lenten Stations of the Cross each Friday beginning with a meditation at 7:00 p.m. The parish mission will begin March 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. for three evenings through the 11th, presented by my brother, Fr. Thomas P. Voorhies, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Ville Platte, Louisiana. See the insert in the bulletin for the many ways that you can join in the Lenten graces available this year.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The Lenten 40 Days for Life begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th and goes through Palm Sunday, April 5th. Please consider joining in the peaceful, prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on San Mateo here in the city each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Annunciation is once again called to stand up for life especially on our assigned days of Tuesday, March 3rd and Friday, April 3rd. May many lives be changed and saved in these 40 Days for Life by those of you who volunteer as the champions for life. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Lady of Life, intercede for us all!
Jesus does not ask his disciples to abide evil, but asks them to react; however, not with another evil action, but with good. This is the only way to break the chain of evil: one evil leads to another which leads to another evil... This chain of evil is broken and things truly begin to change. Evil is, in fact, a "void"; a void of good. It is not possible to fill a void, except with "fullness", that is, good.

—Pope Francis, Angelus, February 19, 2017

**Religious Education Programs**

**We Accept Children in Their Faith Journey Year-Round**

- **Elementary Religious Education** (Pre-K - 5th grade)
  - This Wednesday, Feb. 26th there will be a Religious Education Family Ash Wednesday Service at 4:15 PM in the church. Families will attend with their children and be dismissed from church (no regular classes).

- **Middle School Religious Education**
  - Confirmation I Program (8th, 9th or 10th grade)
  - Regular classes resume today, Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 3:30-5 PM in gym/classrooms.

- **RCIA/Sacramental Preparation for Children & Youth**
  - For children missing Sacraments
  - Regular classes resume today, Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 3:30-5 PM in gym/classrooms.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Family of the Quarter**

The Capspell Family

Congratulations to the Capspell family for receiving the Knights of Columbus Family of the Quarter award. This family puts their faith into action weekly in our parish, Father Robby is a 4th Degree Knight and Sacristan at the 9 AM Mass. The children are altar servers. Both mother Anne & Robby have been catechists in Religious Ed for several years. The whole family helps with Social Concerns Ministry and projects as well. Thank you for all your good works in the parish. God bless the Capspell family!

**Adoration Chapel**

Stop by the Parish Office for information on how to experience the Presence of Our Lord and consider signing up for a weekly shifts.

Contact Leslee at 296-0411 for more information.

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**This Week’s Meetings / Activities**

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**Consecration (Grief) Ministry**

The Consecration (Grief) Support Group has begun on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in St. Bakhti Hall. The program is called “Seasons of Hope.” For details, please call the parish office at 259-911 or Jim Tschosig at 520-7257.

**Little Rock Scripture Study**

LSBS: Exodus Part 2

Regular classes resume today, Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 3:30-5 PM in gym/classrooms.

**CRS Rice Bowls**

God invites us to reach out beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl-Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program invites us to reflect on the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5000... and to consider the needs of the hungry around the world. That’s why I’m inviting you to use CRS Rice Bowl this holy season... CRS Rice Bowl contributions pay for the poor both overseas and here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 25% of the contributions fund food poverty and hunger alleviation programs in our diocese.

**Word of Life Reflection**

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

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**RCIA Retreat, Rite of Sending & Rite of Election**

Please continue to keep our catechumens and candidates in prayer as they continue their faith journey. The Rite of Election is the ritual that marks their entry into the final phase of their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. It will be preceded by a Retreat on Saturday, February 22nd and Rite of Sending at Annunciation. The Rite of Election will occur at the Cathedral Basilica in Santa Fe on March 1st at 2:30 PM.

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**Lent for Life**

**Archbishop John C. Wester**

Rice Bowls will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and can be found in the church vestibule during Lent. More info and resources to Lent at lentforlife.org.

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**Religious Education Family Mass**

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Lorraine Chavez - Administrative Assistant
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505-296-0411

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**Ministry of Mann Support (MOMS)**

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

Next meeting is “Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Magdalene Hall. Children are welcome to attend with their mothers. For more info, please contact Rebecca at perko.rebecca@gmail.com

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**RCIA Retreat & Rite of Sending**

Resurrection of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima Church. The theme this year is “Sweetness & Serenity of Spirit Grows with Age” with keynote speaker REV. Jerome Piotrowski. Begins with registration at 7:30 AM and ends with noon lunch. Cost $15. RSVP to 811-8174 or jwars@archdiocese.org

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**USO33 Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection**

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**Annunciation Parish of Our Lady of Fatima**

505-296-0411
**LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, February 24th — Saturday, February 29th, 2020**

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**MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS**

**MUSIC**

- Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, February 27, 6:45 pm, in the church
- Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 27, 7:30 pm, in the church
- 5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

Our Choirs and Cantor Ensembles always welcome new members who wish to add their voices to the leadership of our sung prayer and praise. As we enter into the holy season of Lent and prepare for the solemn days of Holy Week, you are encouraged to step out of the pew and come join us! Every Thursday evening is our main rehearsal night, but several Masses have separate rehearsal times. Come sing with us this spring!

**MINISTRY**

LENT is quickly approaching. There are a number of opportunities for liturgical service during this solemn season. Please give prayerful consideration to your Lenten observances this year. You should have received a form detailing these opportunities. There are several different sections with different deadlines; please look over the form and help out where you can. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 26; the first Lenten Reflections and Stations of the Cross are this Friday, April 28.

Annunciation does not burn old palm from last year’s Palm Sunday for our Ash Wednesday ashes. If you no longer wish to display palm in your home, please dispose of it properly by burning or burying it; do not leave it in church.

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. If you insist on receiving on the tongue, the Communion Minister may ask you to wait at the end of the line to receive. 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.

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

**Anointing of the Sick:**

- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass

**The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:**

[www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html](http://www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html)