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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
The opening of Lent reminds us of our covenant with the Lord who is the One who can overcome the power of sin in our lives. In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us that though sin and death came to reign in our world, through the gift of justification, in Jesus Christ, grace and life have come to reign in our lives, cf. Rom. 5:17. Does this mean that once baptized into Christ we no longer have to face sin? Hardly. But we face sin while we are in Christ Jesus as we lean upon him for our strength. Yes, Jesus was tempted as we see in Mt 4:1-11. If the evil one does not hesitate to tempt even Jesus, how much more will we be subject to temptation. The temptations are typically for wealth, power or fame, but there are others depending upon our own personal weaknesses. As we see in Gen. 3:1-7, the tempter uses confusion in order to cause doubt as to what is really right and wrong as well as what is for our good and what is not. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC #2847 states: “The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptations which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a “delight to the eyes” and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death. Let us pray that we might use this season of Lent for a good examination of heart and a spiritual spring cleaning in order to better welcome Jesus to live in us and through us this Easter.”

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC EXPO
St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center is hosting the Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World and their own Exposition of Sacred Relics this Monday, March 2nd from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Building, ballrooms A & B. Keynote speakers include Fr. Christopher Zugger and Fr. Michael DePalma. The Expo concludes with a Holy Hour and Benediction. You may go to www.lobocatholic.org or call 505-247-1094 for more information.

POPE PIUS XII AND THE BLACK LEGEND
Father Christopher Zugger, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, will offer a special presentation on the role of Pope Pius XII in World War II on Wed., March 4th in the Annunciation Community Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by questions and answers. Fr. Zugger has researched the role of Catholics as rescuers, perpetrators and bystanders during the Holocaust since 1990. Please join us for an examination of Pope Pius’ role in countering the genocide which was perpetrated by the Nazi regime. It will be an illuminating evening for people of all faiths.

PRAYER FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Almighty and Ever-living God, You are the giver of every good gift. Grateful for your blessings, we come before You seeking your favor for the city of Albuquerque. Look mercifully upon us as we face so much violence and so many social ills in our community. We ask that You pour out the Holy Spirit upon our city to renew us in your grace. Grant your protection upon our children—both those in the womb and those out in the world, upon our elderly, our vulnerable adults, our care givers, our first responders and upon all of our citizens. Convert the hard hearted, the criminals and all those who oppose our holy will. Help us find ways to build up true justice and peace in our community. Move us to reach out to the poor, the homeless, the sick, the abandoned, the abused, the victims of violence and the stranger. Transform our city into an oasis of fellowship and love in order that we may become brothers and sisters in a city of God. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/19 - 6/30/20) is based on the giving of our faith family for Fiscal Year 2019. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks and loose cash is $1,768,000.00 or $34,000.00 per week. Contributions for the 33rd weekend of the fiscal year were $44,266.00. In the 33rd week of our fiscal year, our budgeted goal for ministry programs and ordinary operating expense is $1,156,000.00 and our collections are $1,241,682.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

May God bless you in your sacrificial giving.
Lord, help me move from comfort to sacrifice.
PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Sr. Nocy Guan, FdCC, Director
nguan@annunciationparishhq.org
Mary Agnes Sain, Administrative Assistant
299-9111

During the 40 days of Lent, as Christians we are invited to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and face the spiritual battle with the Evil One with the strength of the Word of God. Not with our words: they are worthless. The Word of God; this has the strength to defeat Satan. For this reason, it is important to be familiar with the Bible; read it often, meditate on it, assimilate it.
— Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2017

THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

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RCIA Retreat, Rite of Sending & Rite of Election

Please continue to keep our catechumens and candidates in prayer as they take a big step forward in their faith journey this weekend. The Rite of Election is the ritual that marks their entry into the final phase of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. It will be preceded by a retreat and the Rite of Sending at the Saturday 5 PM Mass at Annunciation. The Rite of Election will occur at the Cathedral Basilica in Santa Fe this Sunday, March 1st at 2:30 PM.

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TUESDAY: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin; Lenten Weekday Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY: St. Casimir; Lenten Weekday Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY: Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
FRIDAY: Lenten Weekday Hl 1:12-25 Mt 25:1-13, 21-28
SATURDAY: St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs; Lenten Weekday Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, March 5, 6:45 pm, IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, March 5, 7:30 pm, IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
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
Sacristans are needed at a number of our weekend and weekday Masses. Some Masses currently have Sacristans, but it is always good to have trained back-up! There is a particular need for additional Sacristans at the Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:30 PM Masses. If you are interested in serving at another Mass time, your service is still needed. Sacristan duties include setting up for Mass, perhaps even opening up (unlocking) or locking up the church. Weekday Masses could also benefit from having a greater number of Sacristans to call on. Please contact Dr. Jane Smith @ 298-9636 if you want to know more about this ministry.

LENT is here! 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. Liturgy is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 13. These soup suppers are a great way to gather together and enjoy a simple meal before the Lenten Reflections and Stations of the Cross. If you are able to bring a soup or bread/rolls, please drop off that section of your form, or call the Liturgy Office (298-9636) as soon as possible.

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 18, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass (note date change)
The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

Confirmation II
Mar 1
CC at 9:30
FACEBOOK: Annunciation YOUTH

Palm Sunday: March 28, 2020

ANGL – Contact Jeni Benda